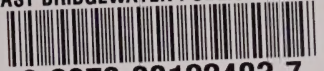


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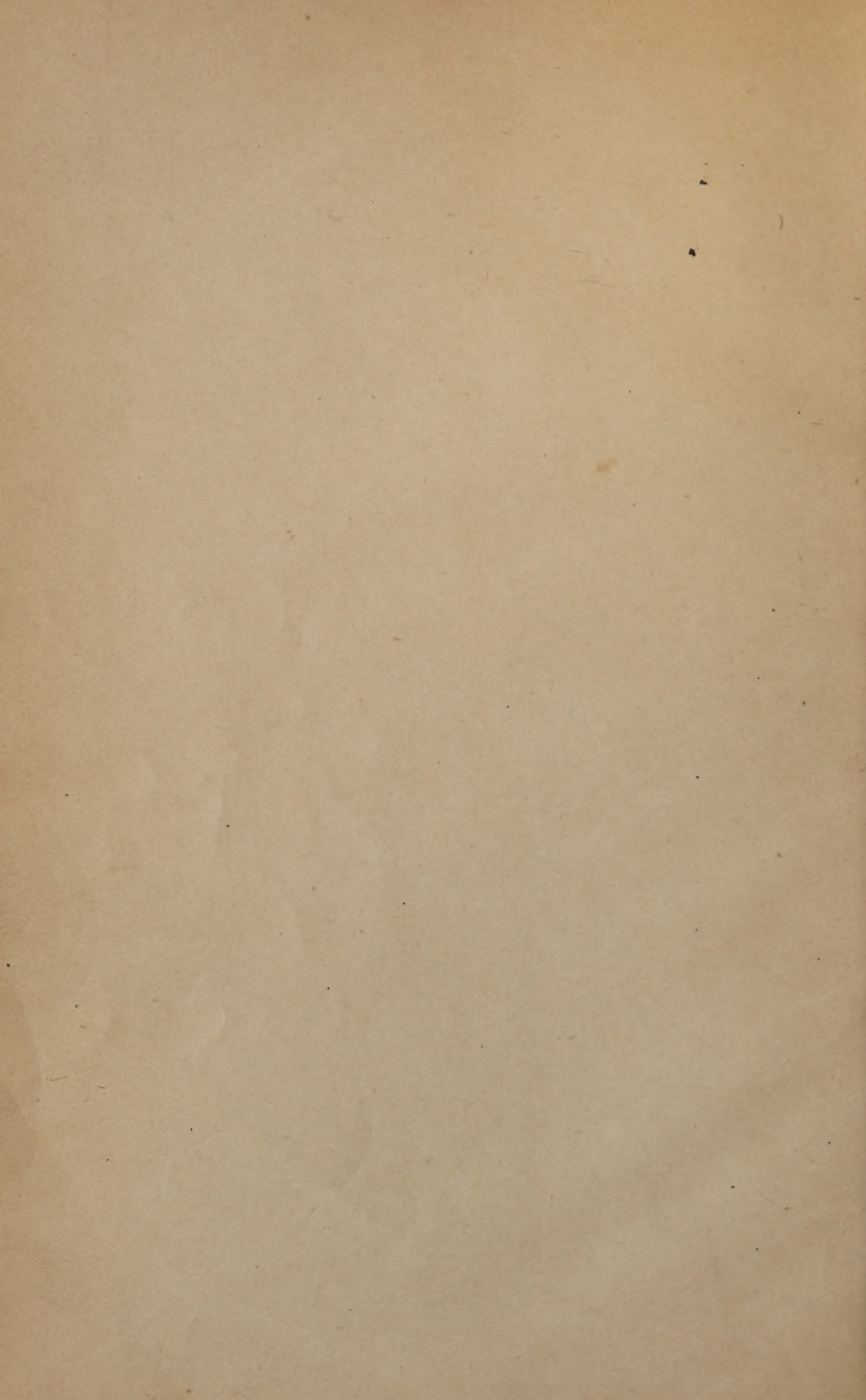
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SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE YEAR 1890.



BROCKTON:

G. A. GOODALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.
1891.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1890.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

GEORGE M. KEITH, HENRY GURNEY, JOSHUA DEAN.

Town Clerk.

FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer.

I. N. NUTTER.

Collector.

FRANK SMITH.

Auditor.

N. FRANK DUNPHE.

School Committee.

GEORGE HUNT, WYMAN C. FICKETT, WILLIAM ALLEN.

Constables.

BENJAMIN SIDDALL, EDWARD E. EDSON, ISADAS FULLER,

FRANKLIN W. FRENCH, ROBERT J. MITCHELL, CHARLES W. ADAMS,

GEORGE W. SANDRIDGE, ADAM R. HUMBLE, THOS. S. H. ROUNSEVILL.

Special Police.

FRANK M. FISHER, CHARLES W. HUNT.

Road Commissioners.

SAMUEL KEITH, JAMES W. LATHAM, GEORGE L. CHAMBERLAIN.

Measurers of Wood.

WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, WILLIAM B. HALL, SAMUEL E. KEITH.

Surveyors of Lumber.

LEVI P. CHURCHILL, SAMUEL L. SEAVER, ZENAS A. JENKINS.

Weighers.

SAMUEL E. KEITH, ARTHUR G. WATERMAN,

ZENAS A. JENKINS, PRESCOTT H. PRATT.

Pound Keeper.

HENRY W. SEARS.

Field Drivers.

THEODORE HOBART, QUINCY C. BIRD, CHARLES R. RANSDEN.

Fence Viewers.

HENRY GURNEY, A. HARRIS LATHAM.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ROBERT YOUNG.

Engineers of Fire Department.

MINOT S. CURTIS, WARREN K. CHURCHILL, JOSHUA DEAN,

FRED C. NUTTER, CHARLES F. CLARK.

Registrars of Voters.

ROBERT O. HARRIS, E. S. WHITMARSH, AMOS HUNTING, FRANK SMITH.

Town Hall Committee.

FRED E. TROW, BENJAMIN ALDEN, IRVING HORTON

Trustees of Public Library.

QUINCY C. BIRD, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, ISAAC N. NUTTER,

MRS. MARY T. HOBART, ALFRED B. PARKER, MISS ALICE STRONG.

Town Physician.

ASA MILLETT.

Sexton.

M. L. WEBBER.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1890.

For Support of schools,	\$5,900 00	
School incidentals,	300 00	
Text-books and supplies,	400 00	
General repairs on school property,	100 00	
Improvement of High school grounds,	50 00	
Building fence at North Primary school,	40 00	
Payment of music teacher for public schools,	250 00	
Carrying out the recommendations of the State Inspector of Public Buildings,	250 00	
		<hr/> \$7,290 00
Highways,	\$3,500 00	
Bridges and culverts,	500 00	
Sidewalks,	300 00	
Removal of snow,	100 00	
		<hr/> 4,400 00
Town officers and committees,	\$1,500 00	
Support of poor,	3,000 00	
Hydrant service,	900 00	
Incidentals,	600 00	
Fire department,	200 00	
Hydrants,	150 00	
Payment of town note and interest,	700 00	
Public library,	300 00	
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00	
Police duty and suppression of crime,	100 00	
		<hr/> 7,550 00
		<hr/> \$19,240 00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS, JAN. 1, 1890.

LIABILITIES.

Note due New Bedford Institution for Savings, dated April 2, 1888,	\$4,500 00
Interest from Oct. 2, 1889, to Dec. 31, 1889,	50 62
Note due East Bridgewater Savings Bank,	1,000 00
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	\$5,550 62

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury,	\$1,424 90
Due from State for State aid,	444 00
“ “ “ “ military aid,	213 00
“ “ “ “ pauper aid,	87 00
“ “ collector of taxes,	75 47
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	\$2,244 37

REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF
THE POOR.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

STATE AID.

Paid Harriet B. Bates,	\$48 00	
Sarah B. Gould,	24 00	
Mary Hudson,	8 00	
Betsey A. Hale,	24 00	
Thankful O. Trow,	24 00	
Augustus M. Howe,	18 00	
Henry A. Osborne,	48 00	
Lydia Osborne,	48 00	
Edward F. Hassett,	24 00	
Henry B. Rogers,	12 00	
Deborah T. Ryder,	32 00	
Mary G. Fisher,	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$326 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid Jere M. Hine,	\$120 00	
William S. Sampson,	60 00	
Hodijah L. Tisdale,	72 00	
Angus B. Vickery,	64 00	
Selden M. Washburn,	144 00	
Michael Harrington,	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$484 00

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Justin Dimick Post, G. A. R.,	\$100 00
Appropriation,	100 00

POLICE DUTY AND SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid Robert J. Mitchell,	\$5 00
Frank M. Fisher,	5 00
E. E. Edson,	5 00
Geo. N. Sandridge,	4 00
Samuel E. Keith,	2 20
Frank W. French,	1 00
Benjamin Siddall,	19 00
T. S. H. Rounseville, for 1889 and 1890,	10 00
City of Brockton, for use of sta- tion and officers' fees,	3 04
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	\$54 24
Unexpended,	45 76
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Appropriation,	\$100 00

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, ETC.

Paid Samuel Keith for road commis- sioners,	\$4,478 99
Appropriation,	4,400 00
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Excess of expenditure,	\$78 99

HYDRANT SERVICE.

Paid Bridgewaters Water Company,	\$900 00
Appropriation,	900 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid M. S. Curtis, Chief Engineer, for department,	\$200 00
Appropriation,	200 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid treasurer of trustees,	\$300 00
Appropriation,	300 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Reuben Rice,	\$38 40	
J. W. Quimby,	13 82	
Martin Parris, Estate of,	6 40	
Lucy A. Farmer,	2 69	
Frank Smith, collector,	64 88	
	<hr/>	\$126 19
No appropriation.		

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Paid Wyman C. Fickett, for services on school committee,	\$255 75	
Wyman C. Fickett, as secretary and treasurer of school commit- tee,	30 00	
Wyman C. Fickett, for purchas- ing, care and distribution of school books and supplies,	25 00	
Wyman C. Fickett, for cash paid for fares and expense in obtain- ing teachers,	5 50	
Wyman C. Fickett, services as in- specter at state election,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$318 75

Paid George Hunt, for services on school committee,		\$60 00
William Allen, for services on school committee,	\$70 00	
William Allen, for horse hire,	6 55	
	<hr/>	76 55
George M. Keith, for services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	\$270 87	
George M. Keith, for car fare and use of horse and carriage,	4 85	
	<hr/>	275 72
Henry Gurney, for services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,		138 75
Joshua Dean, for services as select- man, assessor and overseer of the poor,	\$87 50	
Joshua Dean, for car fare,	1 00	
	<hr/>	88 50
Samuel C. White, for services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,		7 50
I. N. Nutter, for services as town treasurer,		150 00
Frank Smith, for services as town clerk,	\$68 90	
Frank Smith, for services as regis- trar,	15 00	
Frank Smith, for collection of taxes,	201 77	
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N. F. Dunphe, for services as aud- itor,		15 00

Paid George M. Keith, for services as moderator of annual town meet- ing, March 3 and April 7,	\$5 00	
George M. Keith, for services as moderator of special town meet- ing, Sept. 22 and Oct. 4,	3 00	\$8 00
Amos Hunting, for services as registrar,		10 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, for services as registrar,	14 00	
E. S. Whitmarsh, for services as inspector at State election,	2 50	16 50
Benjamin Alden, for services as deputy inspector at state elec- tion,		2 00
Frank O. Keith, for services as deputy inspector at state elec- tion,		2 00
Benjamin Siddall, for posting town warrants,	\$12 00	
Benjamin Siddall, for notifying town officers,	4 00	
Benjamin Siddall, for enforcing dog law,	5 00	21 00
Frank W. French, for services as truant officer,		1 00
M. L. Webber, for services as sexton,	\$16 00	
M. L. Webber, for use of teams for Wyman C. Fickett as school committee,	22 00	

Paid M. L. Webber, for use of teams for William Allen as school committee,	\$14 50	\$52 50
Total,		\$1,529 44
Appropriation,		1,500 00
Excess of appropriation,		\$29 44

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid G. A. Goodall, for printing town reports,	\$98 80
M. S. Curtis, for shellacking and staining voting booths,	10 00
M. S. Curtis, for repairing street lanterns,	1 50
George M. Keith, for distributing town reports,	3 50
Thomas Keith, for surveying town lines,	3 00
T. B. Murphey, for assessors' blanks,	3 00
W. K. Churchill, forest fire ward, for suppres- sing fire in woods,	9 50
A. C. Thompson, for street sign-boards,	15 00
M. S. Curtis, for painting street sign-boards,	34 30
John Burgess, for street sign posts,	20 00
Eugene F. Keith, for preparing and setting street sign posts,	17 75
Henry Gurney, for grading around drinking fountain,	2 25
Amos Hunting, oil, chimneys, etc., for street lamps,	11 61
W. K. Churchill, for can and oil for street lamps,	3 80
Harry Hunting, care of street lamp,	1 50
Percy F. Keith, care of street lamp,	6 25

Paid Samuel Keith, for land to procure gravel,	\$25 00
Jarvis Burrell, for postal cards and printing,	35 55
East Bridgewater Savings Bank, for rent of room,	150 00
Benjamin Siddall, for care of town room,	12 00
Frank Smith for having town room cleaned,	60
George M. Keith, for postage and stationery,	1 37
I. N. Nutter, for postage,	2 57
I. N. Nutter, for administering oaths,	3 00
I. N. Nutter, for expense recording deeds,	1 45
I. N. Nutter, for release of real estate,	25
Alger & Co., express,	90
George Hunt, M. D., return of births,	5 50
C. E. Field, M. D., return of births for 1889 and 1890,	5 75
William H. Tobey, return of deaths,	50
F. S. Howard, return of deaths,	50
George E. Mansfield & Co., return of deaths,	50
M. L. Webber, return of death,	25
McCann Bros., return of death,	25
Loring Holbrook & Son, return of deaths,	6 00
Frank Smith, stationery, postage and express,	6 00
Frank Smith, record and tax books,	5 50
D. W. Gurney, distributing town reports,	3 50
W. C. Fickett, labor on High school-house cellar, drain, &c.,	15 00
W. C. Fickett, services examining and selecting heating and ventilating apparatus,	13 75
W. C. Fickett, fares to Boston and other places,	6 30
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	\$543 75
Unexpended,	56 25
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Appropriation,	\$600 00

LATHAM FUND.

Amount of fund,		\$500 00
“ available Jan. 1, 1890,	\$15 13	
“ of interest during year,	23 43	
	<hr/>	\$38 56
Amount paid out during year,		3 00
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Amount available Jan. 1, 1891,		\$35 56

ALDEN FUND.

Amount of fund,		\$2,624 90
“ available Jan. 1, 1890,	\$66 65	
“ of interest during year,	115 87	
	<hr/>	\$182 52
Amount disbursed during year,	16 00	
“ of taxes paid,	15 50	
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Amount available Jan. 1, 1891,		\$151 02

CROSSMAN AND WHITMAN FUND.

At the annual town meeting held March third, 1890, the following communications were received from Jacob H. Crossman :

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 13, 1890.

To the Citizens of East Bridgewater :

Whereas, I am admonished by the state of my health and the passing years that I have not very long to live, and in consideration of the fact that between 1850 and 1860 I was a citizen of your town, and that my wife is a native of the town,

and for the further reason that I wish to connect my name and memory in a small way with the material progress and prosperity of East Bridgewater, I hereby, with the consent and approval of my wife, respectfully submit the following proposition, viz. :

I will create and establish a fund in the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), to be known as "The Crossman and Whitman Fund," and bestow it upon the town, if they will accept it on the following conditions :

The selectmen or executive officers of the said town shall be the custodians and trustees of this fund, and shall invest it to the best advantage which, in their judgment, is consistent with security, and shall direct the expenditure yearly of the whole amount of the interest accruing annually from this fund, but *shall never encroach on said original fund*; and the whole amount of such annual interest or income shall be yearly expended only on the portion of Bedford Street (now so called) hereinafter described and bounded, and an itemized account of such expenditure and the fund available therefor shall constitute a part of, and appear in, each annual town report of said town.

In the event of the non-fulfillment of any or all of these before-mentioned conditions and stipulations, I hereby declare that the fund in its entirety shall revert to my legal representatives or their heirs, who shall be then authorized to bring suit against the legal custodians of the fund.

This fund is for the repair and improvement of that portion of Bedford Street beginning at the railroad crossing, near the blacksmith shop of Charles Siddall, and proceeding northerly along the line of said street, including its entire width, to the fork of the road made by the intersection of the old road leading from East Bridgewater to Whitman, near the house of George Dyer. From the railroad crossing named, going

north to the top of the hill near Mr. Blackman's, for many years there has been a bad stretch of road to travel over, subjecting horses to hard labor, and the patience of passengers to a severe strain. I desire, therefore, that that part of the road be improved first, and the work followed along the route each year as fast as the dividend of one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120.00), more or less, will allow.

After a few years, when the primary object of a good carriage-way is secured, part of the yearly increment, not required for filling small holes and for surface dressing the carriageway, can be expended in other improvements, such as constructing a sidewalk, planting trees, smoothing rough places, to the end of completing the work in the most satisfactory manner, and improved method of road-making.

While I regret the light appropriation, and realize that it will be some years before a marked improvement will be noticeable, I trust after awhile good results will appear. Of course, if the town desires the work to move faster, it can give additional aid.

I hope this improvement may serve as an *object lesson* to stimulate the town to make larger appropriations for the repair of highways. I desire that the selectmen shall be trustees from year to year while they are incumbents of the office, and that they shall expend the money through the supervisor of streets, or some competent person whom they may select, who shall render strict account of expenditures (giving important details), and that it shall be made a part of the town business and appear in the town report each year as hereinbefore directed.

If the town does me the favor of accepting the offer herein made, it will give me pleasure to complete the arrangement through an attorney or agent the town may select.

I have no more stipulations to make in this connection, but perhaps later on may wish to make some suggestions to the trustees.

Respectfully,

J. H. CROSSMAN.

Witness. { WALLACE F. CROSSMAN,
 { ABBY W. CROSSMAN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 27, 1890.

George M. Keith, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of East Bridgewater:

SIR—I desire to offer this as a supplement to my proposition of February 13, made to the town of East Bridgewater for the improvement of Bedford Street.

I inclose you my check for one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120), which you will consider as back interest for one year to April 1, 1890, on the "Crossman and Whitman Fund."

This will enable the town to make a beginning on the improvement of Bedford Street this spring, and I recommend the money be expended in the last part of April before the ground becomes dry and hard. I would request that this paper be filed with the former one of Feb. 13 with the town records.

Respectfully,

J. H. CROSSMAN.

The following vote was passed at the said annual meeting in relation to the afore-mentioned communications:

Voted, That the town accept the fund tendered by J. H. Crossman, upon the conditions expressed in the communication received from him, and that said communication be placed upon record.

Voted, That the chairman of the selectmen be the authorized agent of the town in completing the transaction with Mr. Crossman.

Voted, That the town clerk convey to Mr. Crossman the thanks of the town for his generous gift and also for the interest he manifested in all public improvements while a resident of East Bridgewater.

In compliance with the foregoing communications and votes, the transaction with Mr. Crossman has been completed, the sum of two thousand dollars has been received and invested by depositing in the East Bridgewater Savings Bank, and the one hundred and twenty dollars back interest has been received and expended as reported farther on.

In carrying out the wishes of the donor we have spent the one hundred and twenty dollars, through the chairman of the road commissioners, in connection with a sum used by the commissioners from the town appropriation, commencing the work near the house of William Edson and going south, by ploughing up the old roadbed about eighteen rods in length, and one rod in width, and excavating to the depth of about one foot, refilling the same with rubble-stone covered with gravel and well rolled, hoping that in the future the same may be extended through the worst portion of the road, believing that, although a costly way of getting a good road, in the end it will prove one of economy.

The money has been paid to the following named persons for labor :

Charles Brown, man and team,	\$10 50
Bartlett Curran, " " "	12 00
Dennis Curran, " " "	10 25
Charles W. Wixon, man and team,	9 00
James Wixon, " " "	5 25
H. W. Sears, " " "	3 50

James Roach, man and team,	\$18 50
Henry Gurney,	5 00
Geo. L. Chamberlin,	8 00
Luther Harden,	5 25
George Sites, Jr.,	5 25
Samuel Keith,	6 87
John Quigley,	7 50
Timothy Murphy,	7 00
Thomas O'Brien,	6 13
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	\$120 00

LIST OF JURORS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Benjamin Alden,	John Hobart,
Granville C. Allen,	Freeman R. Hatch,
Charles R. Beals,	Herbert C. Keith,
Royal T. Brett,	A. Harris Latham,
Jarvis Burrell,	Charles W. Pratt,
Joseph E. Bisbee,	F. Wilson Porter,
Clarence A. Chandler,	Prescott H. Pratt,
Minot S. Curtis,	William B. Ripley,
Wellington Caldwell,	George E. Skillings,
Joshua Dean,	Ezra F. Sampson,
George H. Elwell,	George A. Simmons,
Henry Gurney,	Asa Whitman,
Abbott T. Hewitt,	George A. Wright,
Francis Hayward,	Charles H. Wixon,
Henry Hobart,	John M. Whiting,
H. Herbert Harlow,	Walter W. Washburn.

GEO. M. KEITH, }
 HENRY GURNEY, } *Selectmen.*
 JOSHUA DEAN, }

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Value of real estate taxed,	\$1,141,554 00
“ “ personal estate taxed,	341,537 00

Total valuation,	<u>\$1,483,091 00</u>
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Town grant,	\$19,240 00	
State tax,	1,400 00	
County tax,	1,897 01	
Overlay,	320 16	
	<u></u>	\$22,857 17

Deduct estimate from State,	<u>2,200 00</u>
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Amount to be assessed,	<u>\$20,657 17</u>
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Rate of taxation, \$12.80 per \$1,000.

State tax on poll, \$1,	} \$2 each.
County tax on poll, \$1,	

Tax on real estate,	\$14,611 89	
Tax on personal estate,	4,371 67	
Tax on 836 polls,	1,672 00	
Gain on fractions,	1 61	
	<u></u>	\$20,657 17

Subsequent assessment on real estate,	<u>3 58</u>
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Total commitment,	<u>\$20,660 75</u>
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Number of houses taxed,	591
“ “ “ exempt,	36
“ “ acres land taxed,	9,827
“ “ acres of land exempt,	87½
“ “ horses taxed,	434

Number of cows,	443
“ “ sheep,	12
Neat cattle other than cows,	92
Swine taxed,	50
Number of exemptions granted,	50

GEO. M. KEITH,
HENRY GURNEY,
JOSHUA DEAN,

Assessors.

DEPARTMENT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid Henry W. Sears, warden, salary,	\$425 00
Asa Millett, physician,	100 00
Amos Hunting, groceries, &c.,	221 80
Z. A. Jenkins, grain, lumber, hardware, &c.,	281 18
Joshua Dean, coal,	54 80
E. N. Ward, meat,	107 64
Walter F. Cheney, labor,	60 00
John Cunningham, labor,	51 00
M. L. Webber, wagon,	75 00
Luther Wade, material and labor, painting,	15 30
George B. Howland, labor,	12 50
John M. Whiting, stock and labor,	14 00
F. C. Nutter, carpeting and dry goods,	25 47
E. S. Whitmarsh, clothing and shoes,	16 25
Mrs. L. F. Gammons, hardware, paints and repairs,	9 27
Minot S. Curtis, paint and labor,	3 15
Henry W. Sears, to pay for oxen and cow,	110 00
Expense of George Osborne at Mass. General Hospital,	32 35
Samuel J. Hoyt, for digging grave,	3 00
F. S. Howard, burial expenses of M. F. Keene,	15 00
Loring Holbrook & Son, burial expenses of Lewis Wright,	15 00
Henry Gurney, posts,	2 80
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	\$1,650 51

Received from Henry Gurney, Guardian, for board of Miss L. Washburn,	\$27 50	
Received from Warden for sale of cattle,	90 00	
Due from City of Boston, for board and care of J. P. Mason,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$129 50
Net expense at almshouse,		<hr/> \$1,521 01

Total number of inmates during the year,	12
Average number of inmates during the year,	6 3-5
Number of tramps lodged during the year,	189
Number of inmates, Jan. 1, 1891,	6

INMATES JAN. 1, 1891.

	Age.	Admitted.
Sybal Dunbar,		1879
Rebecca Cummings,	77	July, 1884
Thomas Griggs,	67	February, 1886
John Kinney,	68	May 2, 1890
Philetta Washburn,	59	May 7, 1890
C. Frank McGlathrey,	13	May 7, 1890

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1890,	\$39 84
Received from sale of cream,	85 92
team work,	70 62
sale of hay,	89 01
sale of pork,	47 55
service of bull,	22 00
sale of eggs,	4 20
sale of milk,	11 85
sale of fowl,	3 25
for lodging,	50
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	\$374 74

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Paid for labor,	\$134 92
groceries,	66 21
butter,	24 49
bread and pastry,	14 38
fish,	20 86
meat,	2 42
fruit and vegetables,	8 02
clothing,	21 25
exchange of cows,	15 00
butchering,	6 00
pigs,	26 00
blacksmith work,	6 25
repair of tools,	5 50
harness,	4 00
sundries,	8 85
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1891,	10 59
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	\$374 74

OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board of N. S. Bouldry,	\$137 43
State Treasurer, support of N. S. Bouldry,	27 60
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board of Clara Washburn,	150 89
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board of Robert Washburn,	36 68
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board of Ellen F. Edson,	169 46
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board of George E. Morey,	169 46
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board of Catherine Rogers,	83 10
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board of John W. Carroll,	11 14
City of Lynn, aid to Ann Conner,	9 25
City of Brockton, aid to Theodore A. Bunker family,	193 65
City of Brockton, aid to Andrew P. Young,	3 14
City of Taunton, aid to David Cavanaugh family,	13 37
City of Lawrence, aid to Alfred Remeo,	4 00
Town of Natick, aid to Hatch family,	131 00
Town of Hanson, aid to John A. Harding,	38 00
Town of Hanson, aid to Eliza C. Worthington,	27 90
Town of Halifax, aid to Herbert L. Ramsdell,	7 00
Town of Wareham, .	\$16 00
B. L. Hall,	1 00
E. S. Whitmarsh,	1 50
aid to Augustus B Vickery,	18 50

Paid E. S. Whitmarsh, aid to O'Brien Quigley,	\$8 50
George W. Folsom, executor,	\$15 00
George W. Folsom, administrator,	45 00
John Hobart,	7 00
Joshua Dean,	13 00
aid to Mrs. Barrows,	80 00
Amos Hunting, aid to Mrs. Chadwick,	43 91
Loring Holbrook, aid to John Thiroux,	15 00
O. W. Charles, M. D.,	\$4 00
Asa Millet, M. D.,	8 25
George M. Keith, expense of removing Joseph P. Mason to Boston,	3 00
aid to Joseph P. Mason,	15 25
A. S. Shirley, M. D., aid to Horace A. Medbury,	\$4 75
Loring Holbrook, burial expenses of Horace A. Medbury,	29 50
	34 25
Joshua Dean, aid to Frank Alden,	3 88
Hiram Wade,	\$13 00
C. F. Porter,	12 75
E. A. Chase, M. D.,	72 00
aid to J. L. Coulter family,	97 75
Sophia Harlow,	156 00
S. D. Shaw, aid to Alden Darling,	4 00
Gross amount for outside poor,	<hr/> \$1,690 11
Received on account of Catherine Rogers,	\$72 43
- from Bridgewater, aid to Frank Alden,	3 88
Due from Boston, aid to Joseph P. Mason,	15 25
State, aid to Horace A. Medbury,	19 75

Due from Whitman, on military settlements, \$14 54	
Brockton, aid to Sophia Harlow, 156 00	
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	\$281 85
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Net amount for outside poor,	\$1,408 26
Net expense at almshouse,	1,521 01
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Total expense, net,	\$2,929 27
Unexpended,	70 73
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Appropriation,	\$3,000 00

GEO. M KEITH,
HENRY GURNEY.
JOSHUA DEAN,

Overseers of the Poor.

SUMMARY.

AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN.

For State aid,	\$326 00
Military aid,	484 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Police duty and suppression of crime,	54 24
Road commissioners,	4,478 99
Hydrant service,	900 00
Fire department,	200 00
Public library,	300 00
Town officers and committees,	1,529 44
Incidental expenses,	543 75
Abatement of taxes,	126 19
Support of poor at almshouse,	1,650 51
Support of poor outside almshouse,	1,690 11
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	\$12,383 23

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

Note due New Bedford Institution for Savings, dated April 2, 1888,	\$4,000 00
Interest from Oct. 2, 1890, to Dec. 1, 1890,	45 00
Note due East Bridgewater Savings Bank,	1,000 00
	<hr/> \$5,045 00

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury,	\$328 05
Due from State, for State aid,	326 00
State, for military aid,	242 00
City of Brockton, pauper aid,	156 00
City of Boston, pauper aid,	27 25
State, pauper aid,	19 75
Whitman,	14 54
	<hr/> \$1,113 59

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1891.

For Highways,	\$3,500 00
Bridges and culverts,	500 00
Sidewalks,	300 00
Removal of snow,	100 00
Town officers and committees,	1,400 00
Support of poor,	3,000 00
Police duty and suppression of crime,	100 00
Incidentals,	500 00
Public library,	300 00
Hydrant service,	900 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Fire Department,	200 00
Payment of town note and interest,	675 00

GEO. M. KEITH,
 HENRY GURNEY,
 JOSHUA DEAN,

} *Selectmen.*

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Overseers of the Poor of East Bridgewater:

GENTLEMEN—Another year has passed and it becomes my duty to make some statement in regard to our almshouse and the condition of those who are so unfortunate as to be compelled by disease or misfortune to ask support of the town.

A few weeks since I felt a good degree of encouragement at the improved general condition of our poor, the insane being in better condition than for many years. One criminal insane man has been removed to the institution at Bridgewater, which we trust is a more suitable place and of some less expense to the town. The only other persons properly, in my opinion, in the Lunatic Hospital, for whose support the town is liable, are Robert Washburn, Mrs. Edson, George E. Morey and Catherine Rogers. Clara Washburn, by consent of Dr. Brown, was taken to East Bridgewater to Mr. Orris Washburn's, to make a visit, the week before Thanksgiving, and remains there now. By consent of Dr. Moulton, the Inspector of Charities, she is allowed to board out of the hospital, and, I am happy to say, enjoys her home very much and appears free from her insanity. Considering all of the circumstances, this change in one who has been treated in that institution for seven years, makes one hopeful it is a permanent cure.

The only other case committed and treated as insane in that hospital, is a young man, having a family in town, who has constantly indulged in the use of intoxicating liquors and other stimulants, till he became delirious and abusive to his family, until by the earnest request of his friends he was taken to court in Brockton and committed to the Taunton Lunatic Hospital. I understand he is already anxious to get out, and no doubt Dr. Brown will discharge him as soon as he thinks it

is prudent to do so. When he returns, may I not hope that all dealers in any kind of stimulants, whether Jamaica Ginger or otherwise, will abstain from selling him anything that will induce the same condition again.

Of the almshouse proper, we have three males and three females, all of whom seem as contented and happy with their lot as their circumstances will allow. Some of them are able and do perform a good deal of labor, which the warden and matron would not be able to hire, without spending a large part of their small salary.

The condition of the house, as stated in the report of the Bureau of State Charities, will afford you more satisfaction than anything I may say. It says, "This almshouse was visited at 8 o'clock in the morning, and despite the early hour, was found in excellent order. The furnishings were comfortable and throughout the whole a good deal of cleanliness and order were visible."

During the past year Robert Washburn has been sent to the Taunton Lunatic Hospital, and two old men, Mr. Wright and Mr. Keene, have died. There now remains three males and three females.

One of the males is a son of Mrs. Edson, thirteen years old, whose future ought to be provided for by learning a trade and having a better chance for education.

I close this report, by kindly reminding you that we have not yet got our bathroom and that our water facilities are not what they should be.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ASA MILLET.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Town Treasurer,*

In account with the town of EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1890.		DR.	
Feb.	5.	Balance as per previous report,	\$1,424 90
	26.	F. Smith, town clerk, fees for pool table licenses,	2 00
March	5.	State treasurer, borrowed of,	3,000 00
	5.	J. H. Crossman, one year's back interest on Crossman and Whitman fund,	120 00
	20.	State treasurer, corporation tax,	8 01
April	19.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of,	3,000 00
	30.	Frank Smith, for license of sixth class,	1 00
	30.	Ed. E. Edson, for pool table license,	2 00
	30.	George W. Holmes, for pool table license,	2 00
May	15.	Abby Farrar, for release of real estate held by deed from collector,	47 13
	22.	State treasurer, support of paupers,	81 16
	22.	State treasurer, burial of paupers,	10 00
June	2.	Barnard & Stanwood, borrowed of,	3,000 00
	14.	J. M. Loucraft, for pool table license,	2 00
July	12.	Henry Gurney, guardian of L. M. Washburn, aid to Elbridge Washburn,	72 94
	19.	Frank Smith, collector, balance on account tax of 1889,	76 96
	31.	Brockton National Bank, borrowed of,	1,000 00

Oct.	31.	H. W. Sears, warden,	\$90 00
Nov.	1.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of,	2,000 00
Dec.	1.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of,	1,000 00
	8.	State treasurer, corporation tax,	1,283 04
	8.	State treasurer, national bank tax,	1,002 73
	8.	State treasurer, state aid,	654 00

1891,

Jan.	10.	Town of Bridgewater, aid to Frank Alden,	3 88
	24.	Henry Gurney, guardian, board of Laura Washburn,	27 50
	27.	State treasurer, income of Mass. school fund,	174 27
	27.	County treasurer, dividend on dog tax,	381 43
	27.	Catherine Rogers, account of,	72 42
	31.	W. C. Fickett, secretary of school committee,	41 50
	31.	Frank Smith, collector, on account taxes of 1890,	20,676 96
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			\$39,257 83

1890.

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March	6.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, balance of note of March 9, 1889,	\$1,000 00
	6.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest,	13 19
	27.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, interest,	101 25
	27.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, on account principal,	500 00
May	1.	State treasurer, account license fee,	25

June	7.	Selectmen, interest received from J. H. Crossman,	\$120 00
July	31.	Brockton National Bank, interest,	10 42
Sept.	8.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, on note,	1,500 00
	16.	Town of Hanson, tax of 1890,	23
	25.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, balance on note,	1,500 00
	25.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest,	49 17
	27.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, interest,	90 00
	30.	Suffolk Savings Bank, note given Barnard & Stanwood,	3,000 00
	30.	Suffolk Savings Bank, interest,	39 67
Oct.	1.	State treasurer, note,	3,000 00
	1.	State treasurer, interest,	68 67
	15.	Brockton National Bank, note,	1,000 00
Nov.	1.	County treasurer, county tax 1890,	1,897 01
Dec.	8.	State treasurer, state tax 1890,	1,400 00
1891.			
Jan.	1.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note,	2,000 00
	1.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest,	16 67
		Orders drawn by school committee,	9,240 02
		Orders drawn by selectmen,	12,383 23
		Cash on hand,	328 05
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			\$39,257 83

I. N. NUTTER,

Town Treasurer.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 4, 1891.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

Paid the following persons for labor and material on highways, bridges and sidewalks :—

Ames Plow Co.,	\$272 43
Thomas O'Brien,	193 53
P. Barrett,	222 84
C. E. Brown,	62 50
C. H. Brown,	1 65
W. L. Benson,	62 40
Jarvis Burrell,	2 25
B. P. Beals,	1 50
Waldo Bros.,	16 95
John Burgess,	9 25
Otis Bisbee,	12 30
Pat. Crowley,	1 50
Dennis Curran,	337 34
G. L. Chamberlain,	249 64
Luther Churchill,	3 00
E. L. Clark,	27 15
Bartley Curran,	44 40
Jas. Cunningham,	24 93
B. F. Edson,	11 25
Alfred Eburn,	2 62
Herbert Edson,	11 61
Isadas Fuller,	6 60
Wm. Green,	101 60
L. G. Giddens,	52 00
D. W. Gurney,	69 86
Henry Gurney,	10 14
Hosea Hathaway,	50 17
Luther Harden,	85 23
J. B. Harden,	27 60
J. Brooks Harden,	37 10

Herbert Harding,	\$1 57
H. T. Harding,	3 50
Francis Hayward,	55 40
Edward Howard,	49 50
H. A. Hobart,	5 00
E. Harding,	1 50
Michael Hennessey,	76 95
W. W. Hersey,	7 50
Josiah Hathaway,	2 00
Z. A. Jenkins,	224 57
Samuel Keith,	252 13
W. F. Keene,	103 28
H. C. Keith,	75 82
Keith & Latham,	56 30
J. W. Latham,	132 17
Eliab Latham,	141 44
A. Harris Latham,	38 00
P. Luddy,	15 47
C. G. Littlefield,	15 75
Ruel A. Lincoln,	1 50
Timothy Murphy,	107 15
S. R. McKensey,	24 00
H. B. Meservey,	4 00
J. H. Mills,	2 00
F. C. Nutter,	4 57
John B. Quigley,	19 85
James Roach,	364 15
J. Robbins,	19 20
Nahum Ramsdell,	1 75
O. C. R. R., freight bill,	12 96
E. F. Sampson,	29 74
George Sites,	80 46
George Sites, Jr.,	6 65
Henry W. Sears,	62 12
Martin Summer,	4 55

I. H. Summer,	\$21 00
Jos. Sturtevant, Jr.,	12 50
C. W. Siddall,	9 56
Charles Thresher,	36 65
T. O. Trow,	6 80
F. E. Trow,	1 75
James Wixon,	53 99
C. W. Wixon,	55 20
Pat Welsh,	152 84
Galen Willis,	1 20
Samuel C. White,	5 82
C. S. Whitman,	1 50
Michael Winn,	4 50
E. Worcester,	6 00
Luke Worcester,	3 00
Marcellus Day Co.,	17 16
C. C. Gin Co.	1 68

\$4,404 99

Of the above amount the following sums have been paid on bridges and culverts :

Siddall's bridge,	\$51 35
Jackson's bridge,	185 60
Howland's bridge,	186 75
Elmwood bridge,	30 60
Black Brook bridge,	32 25
Clark's,	8 00
Wright's,	14 00
Two bridges near Rogers & Sheldon's,	68 35
Culvert near Mrs. John Lane's,	13 50
“ “ almshouse,	8 50
“ “ Sampson street,	5 67
“ “ depot,	7 50

\$612 07

Paid for removing snow from sidewalks :

H. C. Keith,	\$7 50
James Roach,	14 05
J. W. Latham,	1 50
G. L. Chamberlain,	5 00
Luther Harden,	3 60
E. L. Clark,	5 15
J. Brooks Harding,	7 35
John Eastman,	7 40
W. L. Benson,	4 00
Francis Hayward,	2 25
Dennis Curran,	4 00
P. Washburn,	2 10
John Burgess,	10 10
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	\$74 00

Appropriation for snow,	\$100 00
Expended,	74 00
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Less appropriation,	\$26 00

Received Selectmen's orders in full for all the above expenditures.

SAM'L KEITH,
 JAMES W. LATHAM,
 GEO. L. CHAMBERLAIN,
Road Commissioners.

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

Paid for bell and hanging same,	\$105 15
F. C. Nutter, hardware, lumber, &c.,	12 15
W. K. Churchill, hose, oil can, oil, &c.,	28 50
A. Hunting, oil,	4 95
L. F. Gammons, sundries,	6 59
J. H. Fairbanks, water pot,	1 00
M. S. Curtis, labor and stock,	2 05
I. Horton, labor,	1 75
for janitor service,	39 05
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	\$201 19
Appropriation,	200 00
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Excess,	\$1 19

MINOT S. CURTIS, *Chief*,
F. C. NUTTER,
JOSHUA DEAN,
W. K. CHURCHILL, *Clerk*,
CHAS. CLARK.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Public Library met April 15, and organized by choosing Mr. A. B. Parker, chairman, and Mr. I. N. Nutter, secretary and treasurer. The town, at the annual meeting, held in March, 1890, elected Mr. Quincy C. Bird, and re-elected Mr. W. H. Taylor to serve for three years, as trustees.

The Trustees are pleased to state that the people of the town are making more use of the library, as shown by the number of books given out, which is 7,387 for 1890, as compared with 6,647 in 1889.

The new catalogue is proving a great convenience to the patrons of the library, and the trustees hope that each family in town may own a copy, which may be procured of the librarian at twenty-five cents each.

During the year seventy-three volumes have been added to the library: sixteen were donated and fifty-seven were purchased. Appleton's Biographical Cyclopaedia, of six volumes, is the most valuable addition of the year. The library was open on one hundred and fifty-four (154) days.

Number of books given out from Jan. 1, 1890, to

Jan. 1, 1891,	7,387
An increase over the previous year of	740
Largest number on any day, March 24,	103
Smallest number on any day, March 19,	6
Average number,	47.96

Cards have been issued to eighty-six new patrons. Number of volumes in library, Jan. 1, 1891, 1,631. Divided as follows :

Fiction,	666
Juvenile fiction,	113
Biography,	277
History,	268
Magazines,	29
Poetry and science,	163
Travel,	115

During the year forty-six volumes of paper covered books, mostly fiction, have been given.

Of Public Documents in the library there are 136.

The usual reports and journals have been received from the General Government at Washington. The Secretary of the Commonwealth has also furnished the reports to which all public libraries are entitled.

The following magazines are provided each month for the use of the patrons of the library, viz.: "Atlantic," "Century" and "Harper's." The "Unitarian Review," "Lend a Hand" and "Patent Office Gazette" are donated.

Since the classification of the books the librarian has been able to give the number taken out from each class, which for the eleven months ending Dec. 31, 1890, is as follows: Per cent. Fiction, 68.56; Juvenile Fiction, 11.95; Travels, 5.69; History, 4.79; Biography, 3.12; Poetry and Science, 2.14; Magazines, 3.92.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1890:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand,	\$ 70
Appropriation by the town,	300 00
Cash of librarian, fines collected,	22 26
Cash of librarian for catalogues sold,	20 00
Cash for books sold, including donation,	1 24
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	\$344 20

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books purchased,	\$131 89
Magazines purchased,	11 18
Express and freight,	2 50
Insurance,	7 50
W. L. Puffer, balance for catalogues,	55 00
Lucie L. Siddall, librarian,	100 00
J. Burrell, printing,	10 00
Incidentals,	1 13
Lucie L. Siddall, classifying books and pre- paring catalogue,	25 00
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	\$344 20

A. B. PARKER, *Chairman.*I. N. NUTTER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

FRANK SMITH, *Collector*,

In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

To amount of taxes of 1889 uncollected,	\$75 47
“ interest collected,	1 49
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	\$76 96

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By amount paid treasurer,	\$76 96
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1890.

DR.

To amount committed,	\$20,660 75
“ interest collected,	91 95
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	\$20,752 70

CR.

By amount paid treasurer,	\$20,676 96
“ uncollected,	75 74
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	\$20,752 70

FRANK SMITH,
Collector.

FEB. 4, 1891.

REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

FROM JAN. 1, 1890, TO JAN. 1, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

1890.

January	1.	Cash on hand,	\$11 11
	8.	C. Rollins, dance,	6 00
	31.	P. Morey, dance,	10 00
Feb.	13.	P. Morey, dance,	10 00
	14.	Unitarian Society,	8 00
	20.	High School,	3 00
	27.	Mr. Packard,	4 00
March	13.	Unitarian Society,	8 00
April	18.	P. Morey, dance,	10 00
May	8.	M. Fitzgerald, dance,	10 00
	13.	Gerard Russo, concert and dance,	8 00
	29.	William Luddy, both halls,	14 00
June	4.	Unitarian Society,	6 00
	6-11.	Mayer-Thorne Co.	30 00
Sept.	18.	Prof. Morris,	10 00
	27.	John Lyons, dance,	10 00
Oct.	17.	John Lyons, dance,	10 00
Nov.	14.	John Lyons, dance,	10 00
Dec.	8.	Y. M. S. Club, dance,	10 00
	31.	Y. M. S. Club, dance,	10 00

\$198 11

EXPENDITURES.

1890.

March	22.	A. G. Waterman, oil,	\$1 20
May	1.	Thos. Rounseville, cleaning,	4 00
Oct.	31.	A. G. Waterman, lamps,	36 00
Dec.	31.	Isadas Fuller, bill of 1889,	2 00
	31.	Mrs. L. F. Gammons,	11 60
	31.	Estate of L. F. Gammons,	50
	31.	Joshua Dean, coal,	6 50
	31.	Benjamin Alden, secretary,	10 00
	31.	Amos Hunting,	8 00
	31.	Thos. Rounseville, janitor, etc.,	55 50
		Error, April 2, 1890,	3 00
		Cash in East Bridgewater Savings Bank,	57 56
		Frank Smith, wax,	2 25
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			\$198 11

BENJ. ALDEN,

Sec. and Treas. of Com.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Thirty-eight marriages have been recorded during the year 1890.

Date 1890.	Names of Groom and Bride, and Residence.
Jan.	15. Patrick J. Luddy, of East Bridgewater, and Annie Caplice, of Rockland. By Rev. Jno. D. Tierney.
	26. Frank R. Chesney and Inez G. Ramsdell, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. R. W. Haskins.
	29. Garrett P. Drislane, of East Bridgewater, and Katie Gorman, of Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelley.
Feb.	16. Manuel F. Preira and Felemena Thomas, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.
	17. Arthur M. Ames and Hannah J. Smith, both of Whitman. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
March	26. Alton E. Baker and Jennie F. Wentworth, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
April	2. James H. Perkins and Lena French, both of Halifax. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
	9. William M. Duane, of East Bridgewater, and Mary F. Roche, of Weymouth. By Rev. J. J. Murphy.
	23. James W. Sturtevant, of East Bridgewater, and Caroline A. Holden, of Somerville. By Rev. Chas. A. Skinner.

- May 19. Eugene Robin, of East Bridgewater, and Orile Laflam, of Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.
26. Charles Bernard and Olivine Beaudeaux, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.
- June 9. William Keene and Jennie A. Monroe, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. A. L. Gerrish.
17. Fred E. Fuller and Mary S. Keith, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.
17. John H. Oldfield, Jr., of Rochester, N. Y., and Grace Horton, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
19. John Gorman, of West Bridgewater, and Alice M. Hennessey, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelley.
22. Alfred E. Eburn and Etta H. Spear, both of Halifax. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
29. Everett A. Sampson, of East Bridgewater, and Mary A. McDonald, of Whitman. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.
- July 3. John C. Simmons and Ella J. Healy, both of Whitman. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
19. George W. Sampson and Kate McVicar, both of Whitman. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
31. Patrick English, of Bristol, R. I., and Mary A. Condon, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelley.
30. Sanford F. Miller and Alice J. Davenport, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. K. Richardson.
- Aug. 15. Thomas P. Terry, of Mexico City, and Charlotte L. Young, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

- Aug. 16. Franklin W. Richardson, of Middletown, Ct., and Charlotte McNally, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelley.
22. Albert T. Atwood and Kate E. Mitchell, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
22. Charles L. Rollins and Minerva Edson, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. William Brown.
- Sept. 23. Arthur E. Taylor and Fannie E. Briggs, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
- Oct. 16. Charles Cole and Mary A. Morrison, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. J. Cressey.
20. James Bouldry and Clara T. T. Perry, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
29. George A. Root and Carrie I. Miller, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. N. Geisler.
30. Charles H. Tillson and Addie M. French, both of Halifax. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Nov. 1. Carl J. Johnson, of East Bridgewater, and Jennie L. Barrett, of Whitman. By Rev. L. M. Flocken.
5. George W. Sandridge, of East Bridgewater, and Annie Shanks, of Whitman. By Rev. Peter Smith.
6. James A. Cook, of East Bridgewater, and Walburga Schmadel, of New York. By Rev. James M. Byrnes.
22. David McIlvene, of Rockland, and Ina M. Pickett, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
25. Daniel J. Wood and Lois H. Trescott, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.

- Dec. 25. James A. Weston and Addie I. Vaughan, both
of Bridgewater. By Rev. J. N. Geisler.
25. Frank O. Keith, of East Bridgewater, and Lucy
E. Kane, of West Bridgewater. By Rev.
S. Hamlet.
29. Xeior Bernier and Josephine Benoit, both of
East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.

FRANK SMITH,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR
1890.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
1890.		
Jan. 13 . .	George Francis Wilson . . .	Frank and Mary.
" 19 . .	Chester Williams	Henry H. and Joanna.
" 21 . .	Arthur Joseph Howland . . .	Adna K. and Hattie R.
Feb. 6 . .	Grant	Charles L. and Ella E.
" 6 . .	Joseph Harding Scott	Charles E. and Catherine.
" 6 . .	Gertrude Redmund Chesney . .	Frank and Inez G.
" 25 . .	Havilla Eugene Keith	Fred L. and Jennie M.
Mar. 2 . .	Ethel Josephine Cook	Fred W. and Florence A.
Apr. 23 . .	Linwood Trescott Perry . . .	Clara T. T. Perry.
" 23 . .	Carl Hannum Dill,	Joseph W. and Hannah B.
May 5 . .	Ernest Russell Osborne . . .	Frederic W. and Sarah.
" 5 . .	Paul	Louis and ———
" 12 . .	Norman Murdock Johnson . . .	Norman G. and Lizzie.
" 27 . .	Susan Hobart Latham	E. Austin and Lucy A.
" 28 . .	Maynard Sumner Cogswell . . .	Burton and Kate M.
" 28 . .	Elizabeth Finlay Stewart . . .	William and Elizabeth.
June 11 . .	Helen Charlotte Rollins . . .	George and Elise C.
" 21 . .	Joseph A. L. Quill	Timothy and Hannah.
" 25 . .	Thireau	John and Mary.
" 25 . .	Ada May Crocker	Joseph C. and Eliza J.
July 1 . .	James Harold Josselyn	James E. and Florence M.
" 7 . .	William Leo Kingman	Walter G. and Mary.
" 8 . .	Annie Castina Anderson	Erick and Marie C.
" 8 . .	Mary Olive Harden	John W. and Lura.
" 31 . .	Carrie Bowditch	Roger W. and Mary W.
Aug. 4 . .	Richard Clinton Shaw	Lyman C. and Rebecca.
" 7 . .	Mabel Mills Judkins	Walter V. and Emma F.
" 20 . .	Carlo	Alfred and Angelina.
" 24 . .	Hannah Curran	Bartley and Ann.
Sept. 6 . .	Kitty Powell	William and Kate.
" 9 . .	Clara May Sampson	Everett A. and Mary A.
Oct. 4 . .	Mary O'Brien	Cornelius L. and Annie.
" 11 . .	Mary Ada Boucher	Calix and Louise.
" 13 . .	Adelaide Louise Mitchell . . .	Frederic and Juliette.
" 23 . .	Michael Joseph McCarty	Michael and Margaret.
" 24 . .	Frechet	Joseph and Agnes.
Nov. 4 . .	Leo Russell Trudeau	William M. and Sophie M.
" 15 . .	Florence Winslow Shaw	Walter C. and Mary A.
" 24 . .	Joseph Francis Petit	Joseph and Alvina.
Dec. 8 . .	Henry Gurney Pratt	Prescott H. and Agnes C.
" 13 . .	Floy Eva Shepard	John B. and Julia.
1889.		
July 1 . .	Leon Frederic Ames	Frederic E. and Ida M.
Dec. 27 . .	Howard Foster Bird	Henry W. and Irene M.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE
YEAR 1890.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1890.					
Jan. 1,	Lewis Wright	89			Influenza.
" 6,	Fred G. Bonney	34	9	6	Typhoid Fever.
" 9,	John H. Hathaway . . .	87	7	19	Old Age.
" 15,	Lucy H. Curtis	34	3	13	Pneumonia.
" 18,	Phœbe Porter	85	2	23	Old Age.
" 24,	Betsey M. Fisher . . .	79	9	26	Fracture of Hip.
" 25,	Jeremiah Mahoney . .	74			Consumption. [accident
" 31,	Eliab Austin Latham . .	40	3	29	Injuries rec'd in R. R.
Feb. 3,	Phidelda M. Keith . . .	26	11	22	Phthisis.
" 3,	Imogene W. Butler . . .	21	6	27	Paralysis of Heart.
" 17,	Elbridge G. Lyon . . .	79	5	10	Old Age.
" 23,	Nellie M. Spinney . . .	28	7	9	Consumption.
March 30,	Crissa W. Hewett . . .	69	5	28	Phthisis.
April 11,	Hector O. A. Orr . . .	89	11	5	Old Age.
" 12,	Agnes Keith	61	11	14	Consumption.
" 13,	John A. Harding	50	9	24	Pneumonia.
May 5,	Ada A. Skillings	48			Paralysis.
" 14,	Henry E. Clark	5	4	7	Drowning.
" 24,	Susan Orr	92			Old Age.
" 28,	Josiah O. Vinton . . .	70	2	11	Meningitis.
June 5,	Joseph Raymond	80	6		Peritonitis.
" 22,	Orrin W. Bradford . . .	51			Pyæmia.
" 25,	Mary Thiroux	37			Puerperal Eclampsia.
July 5,	Mary Morey	62	3	28	Dislocation of Kidney.
" 9,	Martin Parris	62	7		Cancer.
" 15,	Mary Hassett	77	6	25	Old Age.
" 24,	Jason W. Harding . . .	58	11		Paralysis.
" 31,	Joseph Ramsdell . . .	89	1	11	Bright's Disease.
Aug. 22,	Dacey A. Keith	83	2	5	Paralysis.
" 22,	Martin F. Keene	73			Hemiplegia.
Sept. 5,	Mary A. Morey	29	9	11	Apoplexy.
" 5,	Ernest R. Osborne . . .		4		Cholera Infantum.
" 16,	Lucinda C. Scribner . .	56		4	Erysipelas.
" 23,	Lewis Delano	78	2	17	Dysentery.
" 30,	Isaac J. Bourne	77			Paralysis.
Oct. 12,	Horace A. Medbury . . .	58			Pneumonia.
" 18,	Eliza Keith	92	4		Old Age.
" 28,	Florence M. Thrasher . .		3		Inanition.
Nov. 1,	Eliza L. Porter	72	9	25	Chronic Mania.
" 4,	Mary J. Caldwell	57	2	7	Intestinal Stricture.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE
YEAR 1890.— *Continued.*

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1890.					
Nov. 15,	Mary Baker	46	4		Cerebral Thrombosis.
" 15,	Linwood T. Perry . .		6	22	Meningitis.
" 21,	Branch Byram . . .	85	11	27	Old Age.
Dec. 9,	Abisha S. Churchill .	83	2		Heart Failure.
" 10,	Celia Washburn . . .	79	11	22	Chronic Gastric Catarrh
" 19,	Henry Gurney Pratt .			11	Inanition.
" 21,	Daniel N. Reed . . .	91	4	8	Old Age.
" 22,	Sophronia R. Hobill .	61		1	Bright's Disease.
" 23,	Emeline Brown . . .	75	4	24	Pneumonia.
" 25,	Sarah J. Hayward . .	49	2	15	Diabetes.
" 27,	Charles H. Brown . .	69	10	14	Sub Acute Pneumonia.

* Whole number of deaths, 51.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Assessors, and Collector, and beg leave to report as follows :

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on treasurer,	\$12,383 23
Amount of orders paid by treasurer,	12,383 23

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on treasurer,	\$9,240 02
Amount of orders paid by treasurer,	9,240 02

TREASURER.

Amount received during year,	\$39,257 83
Amount paid during year,	38,929 78
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Cash on hand,	\$328 05

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection,	\$20,660 75
Interest,	91 95
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	\$20,752 70
Amount paid to treasurer,	20,676 96
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Uncollected taxes,	\$75 74

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Amount on hand Dec. 31, 1889, and received during the year ending Dec. 31, 1890,	\$374 74
Amount paid out during the year ending Dec. 31, 1890,	364 15
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Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1891,	\$10 59

Total valuation, \$1,483,091.

Rate per \$1,000, \$12.80.

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. DUNPHE,

Auditor.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 10, 1891.

TOWN MEETING.

The annual town meeting will be held on Monday, the second day of March next, at 1 o'clock, P. M., at which the following articles will be acted upon :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the reports of town officers and committees.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to pay all town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To adopt some method for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To act upon a list of jurors as proposed by the selectmen.

ART. 8. To vote upon the question, " Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 9. To see if the town will make any change in the manner of advertising town meetings, or take any action in relation thereto. (By request.)

ART. 10. To see if the town will take any action in relation to the condition of Crescent Street, between the houses of Charles Thrasher and Benjamin White. (By request.)

ART. 11. To see if the town will accept the town-way from West Street to Bedford Street, as laid out by the road commissioners.

GEO. M. KEITH,
HENRY GURNEY,
JOSHUA DEAN,

Selectmen.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1890-91.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Agreeably to the laws of the Commonwealth, the school committee herewith present their annual report :

At the Annual Town Meeting held March 3, 1890, Mr. William Allen was elected a member of the committee for three years, succeeding Mr. Leonard Seelee.

The committee was organized by electing Dr. George Hunt, chairman, and Wyman C. Fickett, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Allen was, at his own suggestion, excused from an active participation in the financial and business duties of the committee, but has devoted what time his health and other duties would permit to a general visitation of the schools.

To the secretary were appointed the same duties as were assigned to him last year, viz., "To purchase and distribute all text-books and school supplies, prepare examination papers, superintend the promotion of pupils, issue age and schooling certificates, as required by the law of 1888, and attend to the miscellaneous duties usually performed by a superintendent of schools." The secretary has also been in the town office a part of one afternoon of each week, while the schools were in session, for the purpose of meeting the teachers and others on school matters, delivering school supplies, etc. The labors of the committee have been greatly increased during the year by the necessity of personal supervision of the extensive changes made in the High school-house by order of the State Inspector of Public Buildings—a full account of which will be found in this report—but their work has been made pleasant in almost every instance by the hearty co-operation of teachers and parents in the endeavor to promote the welfare of the schools.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Although the following table of statistics shows that our schools maintain a relatively high rank in regard to punctuality of attendance, yet it is not presented with that degree of satisfaction which the committee would feel if they did not know that the results might easily be, and ought to be, much better. It may seem to some ungracious to criticise a showing so apparently satisfactory as this, but the best possible results should be demanded, and no others accepted. A brief reference to the High school illustrates the justness of this criticism. The record of this school is relatively high, but an inspection of its register shows that its per cent of average attendance would be much higher were it not for the frequent and unnecessary absence of a very few of its pupils. This school consists of sixty-three members, but a large part of the cases of absence, tardiness and dismissal are credited to *two* pupils, who might attend, as far as the teachers or committee can learn, punctually.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.									Per cent. of Average Attendance for Year.
	SUMMER.			FALL.			WINTER.			
	Whole No.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Whole No.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Whole No.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	
High School	61	60	56	63	62	58	63	63	58	93
Centre Grammar	38	33	32	39	37	36	38	37	35	93.9
Centre Intermediate . .	32	28	26	44	41	37	42	38	35	91.2
West Intermediate . . .	21	20	19	23	23	22	24	24	22	94.1
West Primary	48	47	46	40	39	37	37	37	35	97
North Primary	42	37	34	31	27	25	31	27	25	92.6
Elmwood Grammar . . .	24	23	21	17	16	14	14	14	13	93.2
Elmwood Primary	40	38	35	45	38	35	39	34	33	93
Beaver Grammar	18	18	16	20	20	19	20	20	18	91.2
Beaver Primary	35	33	32	31	30	28	25	23	19	91.6
Northville	45	37	35	40	33	32	34	30	28	94.9
Eastville	19	18	16	25	20	18	20	18	16	90
Curtisville	12	11	10	14	13	12	12	11	10	92.8
Satucket	22	20	18	22	19	17	21	19	17	91.9
Totals	457	423	396	454	418	390	420	395	364	93

Number of children in town between the ages of five
and fifteen, as shown by the school census
taken May 1, 1890,

440

Increase from last year,

4

Whole number of pupils of all ages enrolled on school registers,	541
Increase from last year,	23
Number over fifteen years,	47
Number under five years,	7
Average membership of schools for year,	412
Increase from last year,	13
Average attendance,	383
Per cent. of average attendance,	93

It will be noticed that the per cent. of average attendance for the town is about *ninety-three*, considerably higher than that of the State, which is, according to the report of the Board of Education, just issued, *ninety* per cent.

Gratifying as our comparative rank in this respect may be, it is by no means what it should be. From the most accurate knowledge which the committee can obtain in regard to the cause of irregular attendance, no more than *two* per cent. can be attributed to sickness, as much more perhaps to cases of real necessity, and the remainder to indifference on the part of a few parents.

If this question should be asked each of our teachers, "What are the greatest hindrances to uniform and satisfactory progress which you encounter in your school?" the answer would be, "Irregularity of attendance, tardiness and requests for dismissal." It is no answer to this complaint to say that we are less troubled in this respect than other communities. If the loss occasioned by irregularity of attendance fell only upon the delinquents themselves, it would still be serious, but it affects injuriously the progress of all the classes to which they belong. These pupils have no moral right to waste their own opportunities—much less diminish those of others. It is neither extravagant nor unreasonable to say that, in a community like ours, under all ordinary circumstances, from *ninety-*

seven to ninety-nine per cent. of the average membership of our schools should be in attendance every day.

CHANGE OF TEACHERS.

Another hindrance to the steady and uniform progress of our schools is the frequent change of teachers. The High school has especially suffered in this respect, as within the last four years it has had *four* different principals and *three* different assistants. Superintendents and committees from larger and more wealthy towns are constantly on the lookout for successful teachers, and it often happens that when one is found here that the offer of a larger salary, or the prospect of better social and literary advantages, prevails, and we lose a teacher who, perhaps, has just become well acquainted with the school and its requirements and is in a position to do successful work.

As has been said in former reports, the committee are powerless to prevent these changes with the means at present at their disposal; and it is not urged that the town can compete with larger and richer communities.

SCHOOL FLAGS.

During the past year flags have been purchased by the pupils for all the school-houses but one; and the occasions of raising these flags have, in every instance, been made public, and the attendance of parents and others interested has been large; and appropriate and highly interesting exercises by the pupils have been given. These flag raisings have afforded excellent opportunities for the teachers, committee and others to teach that devotion to country and that unwavering allegiance to republican institutions which should characterize every citizen of this great republic, and more especially those who have enjoyed the advantages of its free public schools. It has afforded the

committee unalloyed pleasure to participate in these exercises and to note the respect and admiration manifested by the pupils for the "old flag."

MUSIC.

No one event in the management of the educational interests of the town, during the past year, has given your committee more pleasure than the introduction of singing as one of the prescribed branches of study in the schools.

The results of this attempt have been pre-eminently successful, fully justifying the most sanguine expectations of the committee. Realizing that the success of the undertaking depended largely upon the selection of a suitable teacher to introduce the study, the committee, after much patient inquiry and investigation, were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Laura F. Taylor, of Boston, a lady well qualified, both by natural aptitude and thorough training, for the work.

Beginning the 21st of April, Miss Taylor has given one lesson a week in each school, and has assigned exercises for practice and drill, under the regular teachers, for the ensuing week. This additional work has been performed by the teachers in a patient and thorough manner and with a degree of success hardly hoped for at first. The correctness of the remark in the committee's last report, "That there is scarcely one pupil in fifty who cannot learn to sing if the proper opportunities are afforded," has been amply demonstrated. It is not believed that any one sufficiently interested in educational matters to inform himself concerning the fine beginning already made in the study of music, and the prospects of still better results in the future, will hesitate to assist in making this study a permanent one in our regular course of study.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This school has enjoyed a year of well defined progress, retarded only by the frequent change of teachers. At the close of the summer term the principal, Mr. H. H. Williams, resigned in order to accept a higher salary as principal of the West Springfield High School.

Miss Florence M. Cross, who had held the position of assistant for seven years, also resigned. After meeting upwards of thirty applicants, the committee selected Mr. George F. Murdock, a graduate of Tufts College, and a teacher of successful experience, for principal. Miss Katherine D. Jones, a graduate of the four years' course at the Bridgewater Normal School, was appointed assistant. At the close of the fall term Miss Jones resigned in order to accept a more promising position in the Hingham High School. The vacancy was filled by the election of the present incumbent, Miss M. P. C. Tucker, also a graduate of the Bridgewater Normal School.

MILITARY DRILL.

The boys of the school organized a company for military drill during the year 1889-90, which has proved of benefit to many of its members in regard to physical development, and has not perceptibly diverted attention from regular school work. The company gave an exhibition of its skill in drill and knowledge of the manual in the town hall, which, together with a broom drill by the young ladies and music by the school, afforded a pleasant and popular entertainment. The proceeds, amounting to about \$50, were devoted to the school library.

The usual table is here appended, showing the number attending the school at present, and the number in each course of study :

CLASS.	WHOLE NUMBER.	THREE-YEARS' COURSE.	FOUR-YEARS' COURSE.
Seniors	6		6
Sub-Seniors	10	2	8
Ex-Juniors	24	6	18
Junior	23	6	17
Totals	63	14	49

The exercises of the graduating class were held in the Town Hall, Friday evening, June 27, when diplomas were awarded as follows :

Four years' English and Latin course :—

George M. Churchill, L. Mabel Keith,
Ina A. Newhall.

Four years' English course :—

Percy M. Churchill, G. Bertrand Mitchell.

Three years' English course :—

Tena E. Bates, Helen I. Keith,
Louie E. Stevens, Ellen M. Welch,
Florence M. Wilber.

HEATING AND VENTILATION OF HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

In the last annual report the committee announced that extensive and thorough repairs had been made upon the High school building,—new floors laid in the principal rooms and halls, the High school-room supplied with new and improved furniture, etc. ; and the town was congratulated upon the good

condition of the house, as well as upon the fact that no future repairs would be required for several years. But between the writing of the report and the annual meeting, we were visited by a State Inspector of Public Buildings, who ordered extensive and costly changes made in relation to the ventilation of the house. The requirements were substantially as follows: "To provide better and additional means of ventilation by means of brick or metallic flues or ducts, aided by heat or mechanical means; and also to take such measures as will supply a proper amount of pure air, suitably heated, etc., all to be done to the satisfaction of this department."

Subsequent interviews with the officer elicited the fact that the the minimum amount of "pure air suitably heated" which the state authorities would accept, was thirty cubic feet for each pupil per minute. To obtain this amount of pure, warm air, but one practical method could be adopted, that of heating by means of furnaces.

After careful investigation in regard to the probable cost of the work, the committee were unwilling to proceed without the formal sanction of the town.

Accordingly a special town meeting was called on the 28th of July, to hear a report of the committee concerning the matter, and to act upon the same. The report of the committee was adopted, and the sum of \$1,000 was appropriated (in addition to \$250 raised at the annual meeting) to carry out the requirements of the State authorities. At the request of your committee, Mr. Fred. S. Strong and Mr. Joshua Dean were appointed to advise and assist the school committee in deciding upon the best system of heating and ventilating to be adopted, the purchase of the necessary apparatus, placing the contract and superintending the work. The committee wish to express their grateful appreciation of the valuable assistance received from these gentlemen, to whose practical knowledge, mechanical skill, and business ability the town is much indebted

for the satisfactory and successful manner in which the work has been performed. After examining several systems of heating and ventilating in use in other towns, and getting estimates from different parties of the cost of each of the systems examined, the committee unanimously decided that the system and methods exhibited by Messrs. McClintock & Woodfall, of Boston, were the best adapted to our circumstances and most likely to perform successfully the required work. Accordingly a contract was made with this firm, which has been fulfilled in an honorable and satisfactory manner. The heating apparatus appears to be ample to keep all the rooms in the house at 70 deg. Fahr. in the coldest weather, while the ventilation is well-nigh perfect. As to whether there existed any real necessity for so large and expensive a plant for the ventilation of the house is a disputed question, the discussion of which, under the circumstances, is useless. The demands of the State were imperative, and obedience to the higher authority the only course to pursue. But in regard to the thorough manner in which the work has been done, and the gratifying results which have been obtained, there seems no room for adverse criticism.

The following letter from the State Inspector shows that the work has been done to the entire satisfaction of that department.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE DISTRICT POLICE, }
COMMONWEALTH BUILDING, }
BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 22, 1890. }

*Wyman C. Fickett, Esq., Secretary School Committee, East
Bridgewater, Mass.:*

DEAR SIR—I here send you the result of my examination of the ventilation of your High school building, made Dec. 19, 1890:

Master's room, temperature at inlet, 84 deg., at outlet, 64 deg.
 Amount of fresh air coming into room, 2,186 cu. ft. each min.
 Amount of foul air going out of room, 2,193 " " " "

CENTER GRAMMAR ROOM.

Amount of fresh air coming into room, 2,070 cu. ft. each min.
 Amount of foul air going out of room, 1,935 " " " "

CENTER INTERMEDIATE ROOM.

Amount of fresh air coming into room, 2,076 cu. ft. each min.
 Amount of foul air going out of room, 1,969 " " " "
 Also 516 cubic feet per minute coming into Recitation Room.

This is *one* of the most satisfactory results that I have met in the ventilation of an old building, and I congratulate you on having a *well* ventilated school-house.

Very Respectfully,

EDWIN Y. BROWN,

State Inspector.

The cost of preparing the house for the reception of so large an apparatus was necessarily heavy, including, as it did, the excavating and cementing of a large part of the cellar, cutting through floors and partitions for the various heat and vent pipes and ventilating chimney, removing and resetting partitions, etc. Excluding the cost of preparing the cellar, the total expense of the heating and ventilating apparatus (including all mason and carpenter work) will not exceed \$1,665, which amount, when compared with the cost of similar undertakings in neighboring towns, seems quite reasonable.

CONDITION OF OTHER SCHOOL-HOUSES.

All the other school buildings are in a fair state of repair and will require no unusual outlay during the ensuing year. The buildings and grounds have, as a rule, been well looked after by the teachers; and it is thought that an increasing respect for school property is noticed among the pupils.

WATER SUPPLY.

Nine of the fourteen schools in town are, fortunately, located on the line of the water works, and consequently have a supply of the best of water; three others, two at Beaver and one at Northville, have good wells upon the school grounds. The well at Eastville has not been used for several years, the water being unfit for drinking purposes. The pupils are obliged to carry all the water used in pails either from the well at the almshouse or from Mr. Orace Washburn's. This should be remedied in some way, but as two wells have already been dug upon the grounds by former committees, and abandoned, the present committee are somewhat at a loss as to the best course to take in the matter.

The well at Curtisville is a fairly good one, but it has been found impossible to keep the pump in working order, owing, it is alleged, to outside parties who purposely injure it for reasons known only to themselves.

The committee have been unable to comply with the suggestion made at the Annual Meeting in regard to giving a signal for no school upon very stormy days. There is no steam whistle in town that can be made available for that purpose; and an alarm struck upon any one of the several church bells could be heard only by a part of the pupils in town.

The appropriation for grading the High school grounds has not been used directly for that purpose, but towards defraying the expense of excavating the cellar. But as the several hundred loads of sand which it was found necessary to remove from the cellar were used for grading the grounds, it was thought to be a substantial compliance with the object for which the money was raised.

The committee recommend that the following sums be raised for the support of schools and other purposes for the ensuing year :

For support of schools,	\$6,000 00
Text-books and school supplies,	400 00
Incidentals,	300 00
Salary of music teacher,	250 00
General repairs,	100 00
Insurance,	75 00

GEORGE HUNT,
WILLIAM ALLEN,
WYMAN C. FICKETT,

School Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Jan. 31, 1891.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation,	\$5,900 00
Received of State Treasurer,	174 27
Received of County Treasurer,	381 43
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Amount available,	\$6,455 70

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

H. H. Williams, High School,	\$515 00
George F. Murdock, High School,	400 00
Florence M. Cross, High School,	270 00
Katherine D. Jones, High School,	182 00
Wyman C. Fickett, High School,	85 00
Susan A. Bullard, Center Grammar,	350 00
Lizzie L. Savery, Center Intermediate,	315 00
Lizzie P. Howard, Beaver Grammar,	189 00
Julia Mansfield, West Intermediate,	189 00
Julia Mansfield, Beaver Grammar,	150 00
Agnes K. Littlefield, Beaver Primary,	297 00
Eudora Sanford, West Intermediate,	135 00
Abbie B. Wade, West Primary,	288 00
Mary Mayo, Elmwood Grammar,	360 00
Lizzie C. Paul, Elmwood Primary,	370 00
Ann W. Harden, Satucket,	324 00
Hattie M. Bates, Curtisville,	324 00
Mrs. Ellen M. Murphy, Northville,	360 00
Grace L. Cook, North Primary,	288 00

M. Grace Fickett,	\$2 25
Laura F. Taylor, music,	148 75
Emma Putney, Eastville,	324 00
Town of Whitman, tuition of Wood children,	24 00
Total,	<hr/> \$5,891 00

FUEL.

Charles W. Wixon, shavings, etc.,	\$2 80
Andrew Dwyer, preparing wood,	3 94
Eleazer Whitman, block,	50
Reuben Harden, preparing wood,	1 60
A. Harris Latham, wood,	1 75
Edw. W. Fickett, preparing kindling (1889),	1 75
Hosea Hathaway, wood,	5 00
A. L. Alger, coal,	250 01
J. D. Jones, kindlings,	6 00
	<hr/> \$273 35

CARE OF HOUSES.

A. Washburn and Harry Adams, Eastville,	\$2 00
James Timmons, High School house, care,	100 52
Julia Mansfield, West Intermediate, care and cleaning,	10 00
Abbie B. Wade, West Primary, care and cleaning,	13 00
Ann W. Harden, Satucket, care,	7 00
Willie Adam, Curtisville, care,	7 00
Thomas Adam, Curtisville, care,	3 00
Mrs. Daniel Geary, North Primary, care,	10 00
Prescott Washburn, Eastville, care,	7 00
Austin Washburn, Eastville, care,	3 00
Herbert Hathaway, Northville, care,	4 00
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, Northville, care,	6 00
Wilfred Jones, Elmwood, care,	67
Fred Edson, Elmwood, care,	4 00

Clara A. McKenzie, Northville, cleaning,	\$ 50
L. H. Hayward, Beaver School-house, 1889-90,	10 00
Lizzie Johnson, Beaver School-house, care,	6 00
Lysander Washburn, Elmwood, care,	9 33
Paul Shepard, Satucket, care,	3 00
Mrs. Samuel Harris, Satucket, cleaning,	1 00
Mrs. Mary Harris, Satucket, cleaning,	3 60
Frank Keith, West Intermediate, care,	3 00
Agnes K. Littlefield, Beaver Primary, care,	3 00
Agnes K. Littlefield, Beaver Primary, cleaning,	5 00
Mrs. Barrett, West Intermediate, cleaning,	1 20
Lulu Bates, Beaver Grammar, care,	3 00

Total,	\$225 82
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RECAPITULATION.

Paid for teaching,	\$5,891 00
“ “ fuel,	273 35
“ “ care of houses,	225 82

Total,	\$6,390 17
Amount available,	6,455 70

Unexpended,	\$65 53
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INCIDENTALS.

Minot S. Curtis,	\$20 29
Samuel Hoit, labor,	2 00
W. C. Fickett, school census,	20 00
W. A. Bowles, repairs on organ,	3 00
Mrs. William Ramsdell, papering Northville,	2 55
J. Steadman, labor, Northville,	75
Charles E. Cole, batteries, etc., High School-house,	17 48
H. H. Williams, sundries,	50
Reuben Harden, Satucket, labor,	50

Carroll S. Dunphe, cash paid and labor,	\$7 00
Fred C. Nutter sundries,	5 68
L. J. Voight, diplomas,	2 50
Dana F. Edson, lock and labor,	50
E. L. Clark, labor,	3 00
S. L. Seaver, stock, labor, etc.,	24 75
James Timmons, labor,	3 00
Jarvis Burrell, record books, printing, etc.,	31 90
Frank Smith, chemicals,	2 40
Alger's Express,	22 75
B. W. Keith, insurance,	60 94
W. C. Fickett, cash paid, postage and stationery, etc.,	4 87
W. C. Fickett, cash paid, freight, telegrams,	1 81
M. E. Gammons, sundries,	70 52
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Total,	\$308 69
Appropriation,	300 00
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Excess of expenditure,	\$8 69

GENERAL REPAIRS.

James Stedman, Northville,	\$1 80
Francis Hayward, Beaver,	75
Minot S. Curtis,	60 76
S. L. Seaver,	29 22
R. S. Littlefield, Beaver,	2 00
George A. Wright, North Primary,	2 00
Reuben Harden, Satucket,	4 20
Irving Horton, High School and West Intermediate,	2 30
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Total,	\$103 03
Appropriation,	100 00
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Excess of expenditure,	\$3 03

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.,	\$24 52
Harper Brothers,	53 05
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	3 15
Carl Schoenhof,	7 92
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	15 95
Boston School Supply Co.,	5 23
J. L. Hammett,	202 76
Educational Supply Co.,	19 01
Harrison Hume,	1 80
Ginn & Company,	103 25
Lee & Shepard,	18 75
William Ware & Co.,	7 00
F. M. Edwards,	5 00
D. Appleton & Co.,	53 72
A. S. Barnes & Co.,	19 00
Effingham, Maynard & Co.,	15 73
W. C. Fickett, cash paid for charts, books, etc.,	4 60
American Book Co.,	16 73
Total,	<hr/> \$577 17
Appropriation,	400 00
Excess of expenditure,	<hr/> \$177 17

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

FENCE AT NORTH PRIMARY.

Paid George A. Wright, labor,	\$11 75
Andrew Dwyer, labor,	3 06
Z. A. Jenkins, lumber, etc.,	10 36
John Burgess, posts,	5 00
Total,	<hr/> \$30 17
Appropriation,	40 00
Unexpended,	<hr/> \$9 83

HEATING AND VENTILATING HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

Paid McClintock & Woodfall,	\$1,110 00
Carver Cotton Gin Co., stock, labor, &c.,	103 28
S. L. Seaver, labor and lumber,	196 15
W. M. Judkins, bricks,	86 27
Chas. W. Siddall, iron work,	4 37
John M. Whiting, lime, cement, labor, &c.,	165 25
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	\$1,665 32
Appropriation,	1,250 00
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Excess of expenditure,	\$415 32

EXCAVATING AND CEMENTING CELLAR.

Paid E. L. Clark, labor,	\$84 35
J. M. Whiting, labor and stock,	75 00
James Timmons, labor,	6 12
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	\$165 47

No appropriation.

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Teaching,	\$5,891 00
Fuel,	273 35
Care of houses,	225 82
Incidentals,	308 69
General repairs,	103 03
Text-books and supplies,	577 17
Fence, North Primary,	30 17

Paid Heating and ventilating High school-house,	\$1,665 32
Excavating and cementing cellar,	165 47
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	\$9,240 02
Amount available,	8,845 70
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Excess of expenditure,	\$394 32
Less \$41.50 paid town treasurer for supplies,	
etc., sold,	41 50
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	\$352 82

W. C. FICKETT,
Treasurer of School Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER,
Feb. 1, 1891.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE TOWN TO PURCHASE THE WATER WORKS.

At a town meeting held March 17, 1891, the town by ballot voted to unite with the town of Bridgewater, on equal terms, in taking by purchase the franchise and all the corporate property, rights and privileges of the Bridgewaters' Water Company, and chose the undersigned committee of five to make the purchase, with full power and authority therefor, upon such terms and conditions and for such price as in the judgement of said committee should seem best.

YOUR COMMITTEE REPORT.

On the twenty-fourth of March, 1891, your committee met at Engine House Hall, in Elmwood, a committee of the town of Bridgewater chosen by that town for a similar purpose and having the like authority and power with your committee. Messrs. Hosea Kingman, Josiah L. Bassett, John H. Fairbanks, Henry O. Little, and John M. Stetson constituted that committee. This general committee of both towns organized by the choice of Hosea Kingman as chairman, and L. W. Richards as secretary. The whole subject matter of purchase of the water works property was pretty fully discussed and considered, and Josiah L. Bassett, Henry O. Little, Joshua Dean and F. S. Strong were chosen a sub-committee to negotiate with the Water Company for the purchase.

This sub-committee met at the house of F. S. Strong in Elmwood, March 31, 1891, and arranged to meet the Massachusetts Loan and Trust Company at their office in Boston. This sub-committee met the Loan and Trust Company April 1, 1891, when they were informed the water works property could be purchased at the figures and on the terms named in letter of February 12, 1891. As at this interview it was claimed by Mr. Little that the figures showing the annual revenue from the water works were not right, and as upon these figures had been based the proposition of the Company for the sale of the works, negotiations between the sub-committee and Trust Company were suspended until April 10, 1891. On the last named date the sub-committee met Mr. Crosby (who represented the Trust Company) in Boston, and although it was then conceded that the annual revenue was in fact less than had been stated at the meeting of April 1, yet the Trust Company refused to make any new proposition. Some discussion was had as to claims of certain parties in this town for labor performed and material furnished at the time of the construction of the works and an effort was made to induce the Water Company to agree to satisfy and extinguish these claims if the towns should make the purchase, but without avail.

This sub-committee reported to the general committee at a meeting held April 17, 1891, at Elmwood, the result of their negotiation with the Trust Company, and asked for instructions. At this meeting it was voted that the sub-committee be authorized to purchase the water works upon the terms proposed by the Trust Company (if no better terms could be made), provided that a clear title to all the property of the Water Company is given to the towns. An attempt was made by this sub-committee to effect the purchase by a cash payment of \$116,000. This was declined, as was the proposition to save some part of any premium which might be realized from the sale of bonds of the towns. On Friday, April 24, 1891, this

sub-committee agreed to accept the proposition of the Trust Company, they to draw up a written agreement in accordance therewith. This proposition, so accepted, is as follows :

“ This Company will sell the entire property of the Bridgewater's Water Company (free from all liabilities on part of said Water Company) to the towns of Bridgewater and East Bridgewater, or either of them, on the following terms as of January 1, 1891 : One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in 30-year 4 per cent. bonds of the towns or town, and sixteen thousand dollars in cash. Interest at 4 per cent per annum from January 1, 1891, to date of settlement, not later than April 1st next.”

An agreement was drawn up by the Trust Company and another by Mr. Kingman of our committee. The latter was submitted to the Trust Company and returned to the general committee for execution. April 30, 1891, at Bridgewater, the agreement as drawn up by Mr. Kingman was signed by all the members of the general committee at its meeting on that date, and on May 4, 1891, was submitted to and approved by counsel for the Trust Company and left with Mr. Crosby of the Trust Company for execution. This agreement the Trust Company declined to execute, because it required the Water Company to give to the towns a warranty deed of the property, clear from all incumbrances. The Water Company expressed a willingness to warrant that it had a good title on a certain date, but was unwilling to agree that it would give such deed on the day fixed in the agreement for the delivery of the bonds and payment of the money. Such an agreement would not make it sure that the towns would get a good title to the property, but would bind the towns to deliver these bonds and pay this money. The agreement as executed by the general committee is, we believe, still in the possession of the Trust Company. On the 24th of June, 1891, the general committee met at Elmwood, when Judge Harris, for the Water Company, presented a new proposition, offering to sell the works at an

advanced price. After considerable discussion of the matter the meeting of the general committee was adjourned, subject to the call of the secretary, without taking any action on the new proposition. No meeting has since been called. Because of the refusal of the Water Company to sign an agreement to give the towns good title to the property for the compensation proposed and accepted, and because the Water Company afterwards advanced the price, we have made no contract for the purchase of the property.

JOSHUA DEAN,
FREDERICK S. STRONG,
HERBERT C. KEITH,
FRANK N. CHURCHILL,
L. WATTS RICHARDS.

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE YEAR 1891.



BROCKTON:
G. A. GOODALL PRINTING COMPANY.
1892.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1891.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,
GEORGE M. KEITH, HENRY GURNEY, JOSHUA DEAN.

Town Clerk,
FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer,
ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Collector,
FRANK SMITH.

Auditor,
N. FRANK DUNPHE.

School Committee,
GEORGE HUNT, WYMAN C. FICKETT, WILLIAM ALLEN.

Constables,
BENJAMIN SIDDALL, EDWARD E. EDSON, FRANK W. FRENCH, ROBERT J.
MITCHELL, CHARLES W. ADAMS, CHARLES W. HUNT, ADAM R.
HUMBLE, GEORGE W. SANDRIDGE, FRANK M.
FISHER, THOMAS S. H. ROUNSEVILLE.

Road Commissioners,
SAMUEL KEITH, GEORGE L. CHAMBERLAIN, HERBERT C. KEITH.

Measurers of Wood,
WILLIAM B. HALL, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR.

Surveyors of Lumber,
LEVI P. CHURHILL, SAMUEL L. SEAVER, ZENAS A. JENKINS.

Weighers,
PRESCOTT H. PRATT, ZENAS A. JENKINS, WILLIAM EDSON, THOMAS H.
PERKINS, GEORGE W. ALGER.

Pound Keeper.
HENRY W. SEARS.

Field Drivers.
WILLIAM KEENE, CHARLES W. WIXSON, GEORGE A. ROOT.

Fence Viewers,
HENRY GURNEY, A. HARRIS LATHAM.

Sealer of Weights and Measures,
ROBERT YOUNG.

Engineers of Fire Department,
MINOT S. CURTIS, WARREN K. CHURCHILL, FRED C. NUTTER,
CHARLES F. CLARK.

Registrars of Voters,
AMOS HUNTING, E. S. WHITMARSH, FRED E. FULLER, FRANK SMITH.

Town Hall Committee,
FRED E. TROW, IRVING HORTON.

Trustees of Public Library,
QUINCY C. BIRD, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, ISAAC N. NUTTER, ALFRED B.
PARKER, MRS. MARY T. HOBART, MISS ALICE STRONG.

Town Physician,
ASA MILLET, M. D.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1890.

For Support of schools,	\$6,000 00	
School incidentals,	300 00	
Text-books and supplies,	400 00	
Music teacher,	250 00	
Repairs on school property,	100 00	
Insurance of school house,	75 00	
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Highways,	\$3,500 00	
Bridges and culverts,	500 00	
Sidewalks,	300 00	
Removal of snow,	200 00	
Building new streets,	475 00	
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Town officers and committees,	\$1,400 00	
Support of the poor,	3,000 00	
Hydrant rentals,	900 00	
Payment of town note and interest,	675 00	
Incidentals,	500 00	
Public library,	300 00	
Fire department,	200 00	
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00	
Police duty and suppression of crime,	100 00	
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		\$19,275 00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS, JAN. 1, 1891.

LIABILITIES.

Note due New Bedford Institution for Savings, dated April 2, 1888,	\$4,000 00
Interest due from Oct. 2, to Dec. 31, 1890,	45 00
Note due East Bridgewater Savings Bank,	1,000 00
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	\$5,045 00

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury,	\$328 05
Due from State for State aid,	326 00
“ “ “ “ military aid,	242 00
“ “ City of Brockton, pauper aid,	156 00
“ “ City of Boston, pauper aid,	27 25
“ “ State, pauper aid,	19 75
“ “ Whitman,	14 54
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	\$1,113 59

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

SELECTMENS' DEPARTMENT.

STATE AID.

Paid Harriet B. Bates,	\$48 00
Sarah B. Gould,	24 00
Betsey A. Hale,	24 00
Thankful O. Trow,	24 00
Augustus M. Howe,	23 00
Henry A. Osborne,	48 00
Lydia Osborne,	40 00
Edward F. Hassett,	36 00
Henry B. Rogers,	48 00
Deborah T. Ryder,	24 00
Henry Burns,	72 00
Nancy W. Pratt,	28 00
George R. Dyer,	36 00
Clarissa K. Howland,	24 00
Selden M. Washburn,	16 00
Thomas Casey,	12 00
David S. Paun,	4 00
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	\$531 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid Augustus B. Vickery,	\$96 00	
Selden M. Washburn,	84 00	
Michael Harrington,	56 00	
William S. Sampson,	50 00	
Hodijah L. Tisdale,	42 00	
Jere M. Hine,	30 00	
Joshua Thorp,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$366 00

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Justin Dimick Post, G. A. R.,	\$100 00	
Appropriation,	100 00	
In compliance with Chap. 395, Acts of 1889, paid burial expenses of James Lee,		\$34 00
Received one-half expense from town of Danvers,	\$17 00	
One-half the expense due from the State,	17 00	
	<hr/>	\$34 00
Paid burial expenses of Lemuel Pratt,	\$33 00	
One-half the expense due from the State,	16 50	
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Expense to town,		\$16 50

POLICE DUTY AND SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid Frank M. Fisher, constable,	\$5 00
R. J. Mitchell, “	5 00
Benjamin Siddall, “	3 00
E. E. Edson, “	9 00
T. S. H. Rounseville, “	5 00

Paid Officers' fees in criminal cases as certified to the town treasurer, by the Clerk of Police Court of Brockton, in compliance with Sec. 8, Chap. 440, Acts of 1890,	\$62 86	
R. O. Harris, as counsel in criminal cases,	29 00	
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Received from Clerk of Police Court, fines,		14 00
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		\$104 86
Appropriation,		100 00
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Excess of expenditure,		\$4 86

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, ETC.

Paid Samuel Keith for road commis- sioners,	\$4,885 41
Unexpended,	89 59
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Appropriation,	\$4,975 00

HYDRANT SERVICE.

Paid Bridgewater Water Company, for rental of thirty hydrants, one year,	\$900 00
for rental of five hydrants one-half month,	6 25
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	\$906 25
Appropriations,	900 00
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Excess of appropriation,	\$6 25

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid M. S. Curtis, Chief Engineer, for department,	\$195 00
M. S. Curtis, as Forest Fireward,	7 75
W. K. Churchill, as Forest Fireward,	10 00
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	\$212 75
Received of Town of Bridgewater for services in extinguishing forest fire,	2 75
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	\$210 00
Appropriation,	200 00
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Excess of appropriation,	\$10 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid treasurer of trustees,	\$300 00
Appropriation,	300 00
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Granville C. Allen, trustee,	\$8 10
Timothy Burdeau,	2 70
Martin Parris, estate of,	6 75
Frank Smith, collector of taxes, 1890,	4 00
Frank Smith, collector of taxes, 1891,	26 52
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	\$48 07
No appropriation.	

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Paid Wyman C. Fickett, for services on school committee,	\$144 75	
Wyman C. Fickett, as secretary and treasurer of school committee,	25 00	
Wyman C. Fickett, for purchasing, care and distribution of school books and supplies,	25 00	
Wyman C. Fickett, car fares,	8 90	
	<hr/>	\$203 65
William Allen, for services on school committee,	\$130 00	
William Allen, coach fares,	1 95	
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George Hunt, for services on school committee,		87 00
George M. Keith, for services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	\$200 75	
George M. Keith, for car fare and use of horse and carriage,	8 61	
George M. Keith, for postage,	50	
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Henry Gurney, for services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	\$87 25	
Henry Gurney, for car fare,	3 55	
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Joshua Dean, for services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,		30 00
I. N. Nutter, salary as town treasurer,		150 00
Frank Smith, for services as town clerk,	\$72 90	

Paid Frank Smith, for services as registrar,	\$15 00	
Frank Smith, for collection taxes, 1890,	4 25	
Frank Smith, for collection taxes, 1891,	215 86	
	<hr/>	\$308 01
N. F. Dunphe, for services as auditor,		15 00
George M. Keith, for services as moderator of town meetings held March 2 and 17, 1891,		6 00
Amos Hunting, for services as registrar,	\$12 00	
Amos Hunting, for services as inspector at state election,	2 00	
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E. S. Whitmarsh, for services as registrar,	\$15 00	
E. S. Whitmarsh, for services as inspector at state election,	2 00	
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Fred E. Fuller, for services as registrar,		7 50
James W. Latham, for services as deputy inspector at state election,		1 50
Lucius J. Curtis, for services as deputy inspector at state election,		1 50
Fred E. Trow, for services as teller at state election,		4 00
Charles F. Mann, for services as teller at state election,		4 00

Paid Edward T. Morse, for services as teller at state election,		\$4 00
W. H. Bussey, for services as teller at state election,		4 00
Benjamin Siddall, for posting town warrants,	\$17 00	
Benjamin Siddall, for notifying town officers,	4 00	
Benjamin Siddall, for enforcing the dog law,	5 00	
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F. S. Strong, for services and car fares, on committee for heating and ventilating the high school house,		9.65
M. L. Webber, for use of teams for Wyman C. Fickett, as school committee,	\$24 00	
M. L. Webber, for use of teams for William Allen, as school committee,	37 00	
M. L. Webber, for services as sexton,	2 75	
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		\$1,389 17
Unexpended,		10 83
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Appropriation,		\$1,400 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid G. A. Goodall, for printing town reports,	\$104 00
O. W. Maglauthlin, for damages on account of obstruction in highway,	100 00

Paid East Bridgewater Savings Bank, for rent of room,	\$150 00
Benjamin Siddall, for care of room,	12 00
P. B. Murphey, for assessors' blanks,	2 10
H. C. Keith, for removing pump from, and labor on, well at junction of Central and Bedford streets,	8 75
Geo. L. Chamberlain, for paving around drinking fountain,	9 07
D. W. Gurney, distributing town reports,	8 00
Robert Young, repairing Sealer's scales,	1 00
M. L. Curtis, painting street sign-boards,	2 10
Jarvis Burrill, postal cards and printing,	37 25
B. W. Keith, agent, insurance on town buildings,	45 60
E. C. Linfield, publishing town meeting and election warrants,	14 00
Town of Hanson, taxes,	26
J. L. Sargent, for hardware,	1 00
Harwood Manufacturing Co., for 100 chairs for town hall,	58 33
Old Colony Railroad Co., freight on chairs,	2 60
Eugene F. Keith, labor on sign-posts,	63
Amos Hunting, for street lantern,	5 35
Amos Hunting, for oil, chimneys, burners, etc., for street lamps,	10 70
Warren K. Churchill, for oil, chimneys and care of street lamp,	8 93
Percy F. Keith, for care of street lamp,	8 00
I. N. Nutter, for lamp, oil, etc., for street lamp,	80
I. N. Nutter, for postage,	2 57
I. N. Nutter, for administering oaths to town officers,	3 00
Alger & Co., express,	65

Paid C. E. Field, M. D., for return of births,	\$5 50
George Hunt, M. D., return of births,	4 25
A. L. Shirley, M. D., return of births,	4 00
Loring Holbrook & Son, return of deaths,	4 75
Howard, Clark & Co., return of deaths,	75
William H. Tobey, return of death,	25
Frank Smith, for record and tax books,	6 00
Frank Smith, for express, postage and stationery,	6 00
Frank Smith, repairing ballot box,	90
Henry Kingston, for work for board of health,	2 00
Herbert C. Keith, for work for board of health,	2 00

\$633 09

Appropriation, 500 00

Excess, \$133 09

LATHAM FUND.

Amount of fund, \$500 00

“ available Jan. 1, 1891, \$35 56

“ of interest during year, 26 92

\$62 48

Amount paid out during year, 8 25

Amount available Jan. 1, 1892, \$54 23

ALDEN FUND.

Amount of fund, \$2,624 90

“ available Jan. 1, 1891, \$151 02

“ of interest during year, 139 79

\$290 81

Amount of taxes paid, \$18 20

“ disbursed during year, 94 38

112 58

Amount available Jan. 1, 1892, \$178 23

CROSSMAN AND WHITMAN FUND.

Amount of fund, \$2,000

In carrying out the conditions named in the establishing of the fund, we commenced to work adjoining the southerly extremity of the work done last year, working to the south, doing the work in the first week in May, and performing it in the same manner as was reported last year.

The amount of interest accruing to July 1 has been spent by the chairman of the road commissioners, and he has paid it to the following named persons for labor performed :

Paid James Roach,	\$28 20	
Herbert C. Keith,	19 50	
Patrick Welch,	6 00	
Henry W. Sears,	7 00	
Bartley Curran,	6 00	
Samuel Keith,	7 50	
Geo. L. Chamberlain,	7 50	
Charles Scott,	5 25	
Thomas Morine,	5 25	
Patrick Luddy,	5 25	
Thomas O'Brien,	5 25	
William Greene,	3 50	
Patrick Barrett,	3 50	
Dennis Curran,	3 00	
Galen Willis,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$117 00
Amount of interest accrued to July 1,		117 00
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LIST OF JURORS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Granville C. Allen,	Reuel Dean,
Royal T. Brett,	George H. Elwell,
Jarvis Burrell,	Fred E. Fuller,

Joseph E. Bisbee,
 Clarence A. Chandler,
 Minot S. Curtis,
 Wellington Caldwell,
 Joshua Dean,
 John Hobart,
 Joseph D. Jones,
 Herbert C. Keith,
 William F. Keene,
 A. Harris Latham,
 Frederick A. Leach,
 Charles W. Pratt,
 Prescott H. Pratt,

Henry Gurney,
 Henry M. Gillman,
 Abbott T. Hewett,
 Freeman R. Hatch,
 Henry Hobart,
 William B. Ripley,
 Eben C. Safford,
 Ezra F. Sampson,
 George E. Skillings,
 George A. Simmons,
 George A. Wright,
 John M. Whiting,
 Walter W. Washburn,

CARROLL vs. TOWN.

In the case of Patrick Carroll, who brought suit against the town to recover one thousand dollars for damages said to have been caused by falling into a hole or drain in a private way, which way it was claimed led off from Union street, the town, at a meeting held March 17, instructed the selectmen to contest the case.

We secured the services of B. W. and R. O. Harris, as counsel, and contested the case as instructed, and obtained a ruling by the court in favor of the town.

The expenses of the case were as follows:

Paid B. W. and R. O. Harris, services as counsel,	\$100 00
C. H. Paine, services as surveyor and attendance at court,	27 75
for witnesses' and officers' fees,	30 00
Total expense,	<hr/> \$157 75

GEO. M. KEITH,
 HENRY GURNEY,
 JOSHUA DEAN, } *Selectmen.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid Henry W. Sears, salary as warden,	\$425 01
Asa Millet, physician,	100 00
Amos Hunting, for groceries, &c.,	245 49
Z. A. Jenkins, grain, lumber, hardware, &c.,	365 05
Joshua Dean, for coal,	72 84
E. N. Ward, for meat,	104 40
Melzar Waterman, labor,	140 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, clothing,	11 25
F. C. Nutter, for carpet and dry goods,	10 50
M. S. Curtis, paint, oil and brush,	5 49
Walter H. Wing & Co., hardware, oil and labor,	5 56
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	\$1,485 59
Received from Geo. W. Folsom, trustee,	
for hay,	\$9 77
Received from warden of almshouse,	
cash,	100 00
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	\$109 77
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Net expense at almhouse,	\$1,375 82
Total number of inmates during the year,	7
Average number of inmates during the year,	6 1-5
Number of tramps lodged,	144
Number of inmates, Jan. 1st, 1892,	7

INMATES, JAN. 1, 1892.

	Age.	Admitted.
Sybil P. Dunbar,		1879
Rebecca Cummings,	78	July, 1884
Thomas Griggs,	68	February, 1886
John Kinney,	69	May 2, 1890
Philetta Washburn,	60	May 7, 1890
C. Frank McGlathrey,	12	May 7, 1890
Benjamin P. Bouldry,	82	Oct. 20, 1891

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1891,	\$10 59
Received from sale of calves,	21 36
sale of eggs,	6 18
sale of milk,	1 15
sale of cream,	169 13
sale of fowl,	7 55
sale of hay,	60 04
sale of standing grass,	5 00
sale of bull,	27 00
sale of refrigerator,	8 00
service of bull,	22 00
team work,	126 50
L. Washburn,	2 75

\$467 25

CR.

Paid James W. Sturtevant, blacksmith,	\$31 90
Arthur Churchill, carpenter,	15 00
for labor for haying,	48 50
for cutting and sawing wood,	11 00
for bread,	24 90

Paid for butter,	\$31 44	
for meat,	11 20	
for fish,	25 40	
for vegetables,	14 80	
for berries,	3 40	
for hulled corn,	2 29	
for ice,	35 13	
for refrigerator,	20 08	
for sausage machine,	3 00	
for table,	2 90	
for clothing,	5 70	
for repairing harness,	2 25	
for filing saws,	1 25	
for tools,	2 00	
for fertilizer,	6 00	
for bull,	20 00	
for pigs,	10 00	
for butchering,	4 50	
for papers,	6 00	
for sundries,	5 85	
to town treasurer,	100 00	
Cash on hand,	22 76	
	<hr/>	\$467 25

OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid State Treasurer, support of N. S. Bouldry,	\$146 00
Mrs. Orace Washburn, support of Clara Washburn,	130 00
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Robert Washburn,	169 46

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Ellen F. Edson,	\$169 46
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of George E. Morey,	169 46
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Catherine Rogers,	169 46
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Lucy C. Brown,	95 17
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of John W. Carroll,	13 00
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Edward Kingman,	13 46
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Eugene Conlon,	24 14
City of Brockton, aid to Theodore A. Bunker family,	\$263 40
Geo. N. Holmes, aid to Theodore A. Bunker family,	8 25
Beals and Orcutt, aid to Theodore A. Bunker family,	2 50
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Town of Natick, aid to C. D. Hatch family,	144 00
Town of Hanson, aid to Eliza C. Worthington,	92 95
City of Brockton, aid to A. T. Young and family,	10 00
Town of Wareham, aid to Augustus B. Vickery,	\$15 00
A. L. Shirley, M. D., aid to Augustus B. Vickery,	5 50
	<hr/> 20 50
Loring Holbrook & Son, coffin for Bartley Noonan,	\$15 00

Paid E. S. Whitmarsh, telephone mes-		
sage to Loring Holbrook &		
Son,	\$ 35	
M. L. Webber, digging grave,	3 00	
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City of Boston, aid to Albert Bond,		2 00
City of Boston, burial of W. E. Bell,		10 00
Sophia Harlow, aid,		144 00
George W. Folsom, trustee, aid to Mrs. Bar-		
rows,		50 00
Amos Hunting, aid to Mrs. Chadwick,		52 00
Amos Hunting, aid to I. H. Sumner family,		5 00
Joshua Dean, aid to Frank Alden,		3 75
Mrs. S. J. Morey, aid to Laura Washburn,		30 00
C. F. Porter, aid to Mrs. Coulter,		17 00
A. G. Waterman, aid to John F. Snook,		2 00
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Gross amount for outside poor,		\$1,975 31

Received of D. W. Brown, support of		
Lucy C. Brown,	\$95 17	
for support of Edward King-		
man,	13 46	
from City of Brockton, for aid		
to Mrs. Sophia Harlow,	144 00	
from Bridgewater, aid to Frank		
Alden,	3 75	
from Abington, for aid to John		
F. Snook,	2 00	
from Whitman, for aid on ac-		
count of military settlements,	19 36	
Due from West Bridgewater for support		
of Eugene Conlon,	24 14	
	<hr/>	\$301 88

Net amount for outside poor,	\$1,673 43
Net expense at almshouse,	1,375 82
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Total expense, net,	\$3,049 25
Appropriation,	3,000 00
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Excess of appropriation,	\$49 25

GEO. M. KEITH,
HENRY GURNEY,
JOSHUA DEAN,

Overseers of the Poor.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Value of real estate taxed,	\$1,152,492 00
“ “ personal estate taxed,	329,642 00
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	\$1,482,134 00

Town grant,	\$20,275 00	
State tax,	1,200 00	
County tax,	1,897 01	
Overlay,	507 84	
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		\$21,679 85

Rate of taxation, \$13.50 per \$1,000.

State tax on poll, \$1,	} \$2 each.
County tax on poll, \$1,	

Tax on real estate,	\$15,558 64	
Tax on personal estate,	4,450 17	
Tax on 834 polls,	1,668 00	
Gain on fractions,	3 04	
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		\$21,679 85

Subsequent assessment on real estate,	10 80
Subsequent assessment on three polls,	6 00
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Total commitment to collector,	\$21,696 65
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Number of houses taxed,	606
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“ “ acres of land taxed,	9,912
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“ “ horses taxed,	445
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“ “ cows taxed,	427
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“ “ sheep taxed,	4
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“ “ swine taxed,	64
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Neat cattle other than cows,	104
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GEO. M. KEITH,
HENRY GURNEY,
JOSHUA DEAN,

Assessors.

SUMMARY.

AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN.

For State aid,	\$531 00
Military aid,	366 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Burial of deceased indigent soldiers,	67 00
Police duty and suppression of crime,	118 86
Road commissioners,	4,885 41
Hydrant rentals,	906 25
Fire department,	212 75
Public library,	300 00
Town officers and committees,	1,389 17
Incidental expenses,	633 09
Support of poor at almshouse,	1,475 82
Support of poor outside of almshouse,	1,975 31
Abatement of taxes,	48 07
Case of Carroll against the town,	157 75
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	\$13,166 48

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Thirty-seven marriages have been recorded during the year 1891.

Date.	Names of Groom and Bride and Residence.
1891.	
Jan.	4. Herman S. Porter, of Whitman, and Lucinda A. Phipps of Hanson. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
	14. Charles E. Bennett and Hattie H. Peterson, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
	21. John J. Murphy, of Bridgewater, and Mary E. Darvenar, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelly.
Feb.	22. Clarence A. Ford and Mary Ella Everson, both of Hanson. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
March	19. Elmer E. Wright, of East Bridgewater, and Abbie L. Hammett, of Taunton. By Rev. J. W. Rich.
April	2. George E. Skillings and Frances L. Livermore, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. N. Geisler.
	9. Albert M. Harding and Jennie P. Reed, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. F. Rapson.
	19. Albert T. Bates and Susie C. Dougherty, both of Whitman. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
May	14. Patrick H. Crowley, of Brockton, and Annie McCabe of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelly.

- May 28. William Estes, of Hanson, and Mary E. Worcester, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. L. M. Flocken.
29. Charles B. Allen, of East Bridgewater, and Mary E. McCarthy, of Middleboro. By B. W. Keith.
30. George W. Blanchard and Nina M. Frost, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. F. Rapson.
30. Harris A. Gilman and Rosa L. Pratt, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. A. L. Gerrish.
- June 7. George L. Jones and Mary J. Whitmarsh, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
15. Edward B. Hayden, of Plymouth, and Corinna F. Wade, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. J. Cressey.
17. William C. Baxter and Maggie M. Brennan, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.
18. Corneilius Murray, of East Bridgewater, and Mary J. Clifford, of West Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelly.
24. Charles W. Stetson, of Holbrook and Elmira J. Sturtevant, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
27. Henry E. Thomas, of Middleboro, and Lillie Horton, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. G. Vose.
30. Frank E. Keith and Elizabeth Voigt, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. M. S. Kaufman.
- July 29. Edmund T. Morse and Hattie M. Bates, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Aug. 27. Sam E. Soule and Cora W. Bird, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

- Sept. 1. Benjamin F. Eddy, of East Bridgewater, and Laura E. Hall, of Bridgewater. By Rev. A. L. Gerrish.
3. John Welch, of Brockton, and Mary Fitzgerald, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.
17. Joseph Darvelar and Mary Joseph, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelly.
19. Arthur W. Pierce, of Kingston, and Mattie W. Siddall, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
21. Benjamin Currier and Martha S. Ham, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. H. McBride.
22. Nelson L. Cushing, of Bridgewater, and Alice L. Holmes, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. W. Brown.
30. William S. Washburn and Emma C. Whitman, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. M. S. Kaufman.
30. John E. Glen and Mary A. Field, both of Brockton. By Rev M. S. Kaufman.
- Oct. 3. Matthew S. Higgins, of Brockton, and Hattie A. Lothrop, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
14. George I. Loucraft, of East Bridgewater, and Nellie C. Flynn, of Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelly.
15. John Perry and Anna Darvelar, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelly.
29. Warren G. Robbins and Cora G. Whittier, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. H. Ross.
- Nov. 24. John B. Jarvis and Mary E. Quigley, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelly.

- Nov. 24. Harry B. Keith, of East Bridgewater, and Idella
M. Noyes, of Whitman. By Rev. J. W.
Quinby.
25. James F. Morey, of East Bridgewater, and Ellen
Walsh, of Brockton. By Rev. F. J. Glynn.

FRANK SMITH.

Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR
1891.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
January 3,	Narcisse Mondeaux, Jr. . . .	Narcisse and Adeline M.
" 10,	Bessie Robinson	Frank C. and Sarah C.
" 10,	Marion Bancroft Hunt	George and Lillian A.
" 10,	Ethel Mildred Bouldry	Augustus E. and Lena M.
" 19,	Clark	Andrew and Jane C.
" 26,	Poole	F. W. and Jennie.
" 28,	Herbert Ames	John and Delia.
" 30,	Paul Joseph Forcier	Louise and Elide.
Feb'y 3,	Fred. Leslie Turner	Child of Nellie E. Beals.
" 22,	Mary Agnes Condon	Thomas and Kate.
" 22,	Mary Perry	Manuel and Felomena.
March 1,	Norman Clayton Chesney . . .	Frank R. and Inez G.
" 10,	Lottie Josephine Burdeau . . .	Timothy and Denese S.
" 20,	Maud Eveline Nute	Clarence W. and Eveline.
" 22,	John Leo Gorman	John F. and Alice M.
" 25,	Eugenie Ezeard Robin	Eugene J. and Orile.
" 25,	Nellie Mary Souza	Manuel and Marie.
" 28,	Eugene Joseph Bernier	Eugene and Alice M.
" 29,	Maggie Rena McGrath	James and Bridget.
April 2,	Exzida Valade	Leander and Adelia.
" 13,	Vernon Wallace Collamore . . .	Frank and Florence.
" 14,	Murphy	John J. and Mary.
" 25,	Mary Aldea Bernier	John and Flori.
" 30,	Charles Whitman Noyes	Daniel W. and Amelia E.
May 3,	Marion Keith Fuller	Fred E. and Mary S.
" 4,	Clara H. Trescott	Frank and M. Gertrude.
" 12,	Benjamin Arthur Rollins	Charles L. and Minerva.
" 16,	Sisson	Job E. and Lizzie F.
" 30,	Mary Elizabeth Leary	William H. and Mary A.
June 16,	Marion Howe	A. Everett and Dora R.
July 13,	Frank Eustis Wilbur	Eustis R. and Alice I.
" 13,	Wetzell	Sven W. and Hilda O.
" 16,	Philip Baxter Terry	T. Philip and Charlotte L.
" 27,	Thomas Hagan	Peter and Mary A.
" 31,	Ella Finston Sabeau	Handley C. and Ella.
August 8,	Julia and Anna Morey	Marian and Catherine.
" 8,	Percy Ransden	Charles R. and Lottie.
" 11,	Wilfred Thibeault	Nazaire and Marie.
" 12,	Rosanna Grazella Bernier . . .	Grandianse and Marie.
" 16,	Chester Whiting Robbins	David B. and Aurelia E.
" 19,	Emma Frances Sampson	Elmer and Jennie L.
" 25,	Henry Latham Adams	George and Abbie A.
" 30,	Sarah Elizabeth Eburn	Alfred E. and Etta H.
Sept. 5,	Maria Louise Sandridge	George and Annie.
" 15,	Chester Wilson Bouldry	James and Clara T. T.
" 20,	John Edward Sullivan	John and Mary.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR
1891.—*Continued.*

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Sept. 27,	Ethel Ann Packard	Walter E. and Etta E.
" 28,	Gertrude Jacobina Cook . .	James A. and Walburga.
" 29,	Aldier Bernier	Xeior and Josephine.
" 30,	Eleanor Keith Chandler . .	Frank B. and Sarah D.
Oct. 4,	Howard Benjamin Fisher . .	Charles E. and Lucy J.
" 10,	Miller	Charles E. and Laura E.
" 16,	Calvin Otis Keith	Fred L. and Jennie M.
" 29,	Miles	Chester H. and Lucia F.
Nov. 2,	Clement Ames Lyon	Walter H. and Josephine R.
" 4,	Catherine Alice Carroll . .	John W. and Annie.
" 27,	Mary Dillon	James and Annie.
Dec. 4,	Wright	Elmer E. and Abbie A.
" 16,	Blanche Gertrude Osborne .	Frederick W. and Sarah.
" 20,	Alice Mildred Lyons	Michael and Annie.
" 23,	Allan Tacy Fuller	Clarence B. and Sarah L.
" 24,	Mason Edward Clarke	Charles H. and Eliza B.
" 28,	Gardener	William and Lettie.
" 28,	Russell Clifton Blanchard .	George A. and Nina M.

Whole number of Births, 64.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE
YEAR 1891.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1890.					
Jan. 5,	Sarah A. Higgins . . .	84	10	21	Old Age.
" 7,	Ruel A. Lincoln . . .	52	8		Erysipelas.
" 8,	Rebecca H. White . . .	73	9	18	Meningitis.
" 10,	Hunt				Still Born.
" 11,	Semantha Whitman . .	88	7	25	Old Age.
" 17,	Bessie Robinson . . .			7	Hemorrhage of bowels.
" 21,	Luke Worcester . . .	79	4	17	Heart Failure.
" 23,	Clark			5	Convulsions.
Feb. 22,	Mary A. Doyle . . .	50	11	7	Consumption.
" 26,	Galen Osborne . . .	64	2	22	Paralysis.
March 9,	Mary E. Murray . . .	5	6		Tubercular Meningitis.
" 15,	James Lee	52			Rum and exposure.
" 24,	Charles Lincoln . . .	84	1	20	Apoplexy.
" 26,	Mary Winn	65			Heart Disease.
" 31,	Caleb Goss	66	6	11	Consumption.
Apr. 9,	Josiah E. Noyes . . .	76	11	24	Heart Failure.
" 10,	Martin Beal	70	1		Heart Failure.
" 14,	Murphy			2hrs	Inanition.
" 23,	N. Louise Washburn .	54		2	Pneumonia.
May 5,	Clara H. Trescott . .			1	Deficient development.
" 20,	Joseph Forcier . . .		3	21	Pneumonia,
" 24,	Charles H. Lowell . .	34		1	Pneumonia.
" 25,	Lemuel Pratt	66	4		Pneumonia.
" 30,	Cyrus Monroe, Jr. . .	75		25	Heart Disease.
June 14,	Diana A. Sweeting . .	66	9	20	Abcess of Liver.
July 8,	Mary Sullivan	1	7	15	La Grippe.
" 23,	David S. Paun	51	3		Disease of lung & heart.
" 27,	Thomas Hagan			3	Hydrocephalus.
" 30,	Freddie M. Holmes . .	11	7	8	Epilepsy.
Aug. 10,	Thomas Hennessy . . .	12	7	11	Pneumonia.
" 12,	Charles W. Lindberg .	1	1	4	Cholera Infantum.
" 13,	Harriet Keith	77	8	12	Apoplexy.
" 17,	William H. Eustis . .	62	5	27	Influenza.
" 21,	Julia Morey			13	Inanition.
" 24,	Anna Morey			16	Inanition.
" 26,	Olive Whitmarsh . . .	87	3	12	Old Age.
" 27,	Harold R. Nelson . . .	1	1		Convulsions.
" 28,	Ethel L. Clark		4		Convulsions.
" 30,	Marion J. Hale	19	9	14	Consumption.
Sept. 19,	Percy W. Ransden . .		1	11	Scrofula.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE
YEAR 1891.—*Continued.*

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1890.					
Sept. 28,	Eliza W. Folsom . .	82		21	Old Age.
Oct. 20,	Mary T. Johnson . .	56	6	26	Consumption.
" 21.	Rhoda Alden . . .	36			Chronic Intest. Catarrh.
Nov. 2,	Jane B. Poole . . .	59	1	27	Heart Dis. & Bronchitis.
" 15,	Edward Kingman . .	69	4	13	Heart Failure.
" 16,	Olpha Keene . . .	74	2	12	Suicide.
" 16,	J. Brooks Harding . .	72	10		Cancer of Bowels.
Dec. 4.	Wright . . .			3hrs	Asphyxia.
" 21,	Bartley Noonan . .	65			Heart Failure.
" 28,	Samuel E. Soule . .	62	2	25	Organic Heart Disease.
" 28,	Hulda Kingman . .	77			Chron. Gastric Catarrh.

Whole number of deaths, 51.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

Note due New Bedford Institution of Savings, dated April 2, 1888,	\$3,500 00
Interest from Oct. 2, 1891, to Dec. 31, 1891,	39 38
Note due the East Bridgewater Savings Bank,	1,000 00
	<hr/> \$4,539 38

ASSETS.

Due from State, for State aid,	\$531 00
military aid,	183 00
burying indigent soldiers,	33 50
burying pauper,	15 00
Cash in treasury,	1,793 95
	<hr/> \$2,556 45

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1892.

For Highways,	\$3,500 00
Bridges and culverts,	500 00
Sidewalks,	300 00
Removal of snow,	100 00
Town officers and committees,	1,400 00
Support of the poor,	3,000 00
Hydrant rentals,	1,050 00
Payment of note and interest,	650 00
Incidentals,	500 00
Public library,	300 00
Fire department,	200 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Police duty and suppression of crime,	100 00

GEO. M. KEITH, HENRY GURNEY, JOSHUA DEAN,	}	<i>Selectmen.</i>
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PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Overseers of the Poor of East Bridgewater:

GENTLEMEN :—I cannot undertake to report to you the condition of our poor without a good degree of encouragement. During the past year we have had very little sickness, and no deaths in the almshouse. Even the much dreaded “La Grippe” has not made us a visit. We now have seven inmates, viz : John Kenney, Benjamin Bouldry, Thomas Gregg, Frank McGlathrey, Mrs. Rebecca Cummings, Mrs. Philetta Washburn, and Miss Sibyl Dunbar ; none of whom are able, on account of age and infirmities, to make, without some guardian, an honest and respectable living.

One of the males is a boy of fifteen years of age, to whom your attention has been called in a former report. He is a smart boy at any kind of work he is able to perform. It would seem to be the duty of those who have the care of such a child to give him some chance to learn a trade, that he would be able to follow in after life, and so make him an independent and a useful member of society.

We have the same persons we had last year, with the addition of Benjamin Bouldry, who is, according to the best information I can obtain, over 80 years of age, and suffers almost entirely from mental disease, causing him to be very troublesome at night, tearing his bed to pieces and breaking his window, imagining that he is put in some bad place to sleep.

There are a number of persons out of the almshouse supported in part or whole by the town. Miss Clara Washburn, by the consent of the superintendent of the Taunton Hospital,

was taken to her uncle's, Mr. Orris Washburn's, to make a visit the week before Thanksgiving last year, where she still remains in very good health.

Nathaniel Bouldry was sent to the State Farm, at an expense of \$2.80 a week to the town, where he remains in good health, but evidently insane.

Four are in the Insane Hospital at Taunton, viz: Robert Washburn, George E. Morey, Mrs. Ellen Edson, and Mrs. Catherine Rogers, all of whom are of the class of chronic insane, and cannot, probably, ever be cured.

It is true, this is a large number of insane paupers, but there is no way the expense of their support can be properly diminished.

They cannot be kept in our almshouse, with safety and proper care, at less expense.

A large portion of our insane are hereditary, and I can see no way to remedy the evil but by more careful marriage relations. No person should ever think of marrying into a family in the least connected with insane blood relations. Any state law interfering with the most perfect freedom of choice in marriage, would no doubt, in the present condition of the community, be considered a great outrage.

If then, we cannot make laws to prevent the increase of the hereditary insane, we should not hesitate to make the most complete provision for their care and comfort.

The provision of an abundant supply of good water for the almshouse is so intimately connected with the health of the inmates, that you will pardon me for saying, that the need of a better arrangement to furnish the house with good water, is great. It seems as if the town might make a liberal contract with the water company to carry the water down to the almshouse, and also furnish water to the school house beyond. There is water enough wasted at the watering place on the plain to supply the demand, and I can see no reason why that

watering place should not be discontinued and the water carried down to the school house. You will note that two wells have already been dug at that school house ; both have been abandoned, and now the scholars have to bring the water from the pump near the almshouse.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ASA MILLET M. D.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Town Treasurer,*

In account with the town of EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1891.	DR.		
Feb.	4.	Balance as per previous report,	\$328 05
		City of Boston,	27 25
	11.	City of Brockton, aid to Sophia Harlow,	156 00
	17.	Town of Whitman, acct. military aid,	14 54
March	2.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of,	2,000 00
	14.	Treasurer of the Commonwealth, corporation tax,	326 32
	31.	Clerk of police court, Brockton, fines,	10 00
April	7.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of,	3,000 00
May	1.	Frank Smith, for license of sixth class,	1 00
		Frank Smith, town clerk, pool table license,	2 00
	9.	Frank Smith, town clerk, pool table license,	2 00
	12.	Frank Smith, town clerk, pool table license,	2 00
	23.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of,	3,000 00
		Town of Danvers, burial expenses of James Lee,	17 00

June	4.	Treasurer of the Commonwealth, support of State pauper,	\$4 75
July	7.	K. E. Sheldon, treasurer of the East Bridgewater monument association, East Bridgewater Savings Bank, on note,	138 48 2,000 00
August	1.	Frank Smith, collector, account tax of 1890,	36 10
Oct.	30.	D. W. Brown, board of L. Cornelia Brown, at Taunton Hospital,	52 46
Nov.	2.	Edward Kingman, board at Taunton Hospital,	13 46
Dec.	8.	State treasurer, corporation tax,	1,585 44
		State treasurer, national bank tax,	958 82
		State treasurer, military aid,	238 00
		State treasurer, State aid,	332 00
		State treasurer, burial of State pauper,	15 00
1892.			
Jan.	1.	Clerk of police court, Brockton, fines,	14 00
	9.	Town of Bridgewater, acct. firewards, City of Brockton, aid to Sophia Harlow,	2 75 144 00
		Town of Abington, aid to John Snook,	2 00
	16.	D. W. Brown, board of L. Cornelia Brown at Taunton Hospital,	42 71
	18.	Town of Whitman, acct. aid furnished,	19 36
	25.	State treasurer, income Mass. school fund,	184 56
		Frank Smith, collector, account tax of 1890,	9 42
		Town of Bridgewater, aid to Frank Alden,	3 75

Jan.	26.	County treasurer, dividend on dog tax,	390 53
	30.	Warden of almshouse,	100 00
Feb.	5.	Town of West Bridgewater, aid to Eugene Conlon,	24 14
	6.	Frank Smith, collector, account taxes of 1891,	21,655 90
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			\$36,853 79

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March	30.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, interest,	\$90 00
		New Bedford Institution for Savings, on account principal,	500 00
May	5.	State treasurer, account license fee,	25
June	13.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest,	25 00
July	7.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, deposited,	138 48
Oct.	2.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, interest,	78 75
		East Bridgewater Savings Bank, 3 notes,	6,000 00
		East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest,	147 92
	16.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note,	2,000 00
		East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest,	27 50
Nov.	2.	County treasurer, county tax, 1891,	1,897 01
Dec.	8.	State treasurer, State tax, 1891,	1,200 00
1892.			
Jan.	16.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, on note,	2,000 00

Jan.	16	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest,	90 83
		Orders drawn by school committee,	7,697 61
		Orders drawn by selectmen,	13,166 49
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			\$35,059 84
		Cash on hand,	1,793 95
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			\$36,853 79

I. N. NUTTER,

Town Treasurer.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 6, 1892.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

Paid the following persons for labor and material on highways, bridges, culverts and sidewalks :—

Ames Plow Co.,	\$18 36
George E. Alden,	33 73
Alger's Express,	3 90
Walter L. Benson,	31 50
A. W. Blanchard,	19 50
Charles E. Browne,	21 00
John Burgess,	11 40
Edmond Bird,	4 90
Thomas H. Bouldry,	21 48
C. Brown,	3 50
Patrick Barrett,	223 21
Thomas O'Brien,	214 30
Bartley Curran,	96 00
Dennis Curran,	210 90
George L. Chamberlain,	300 00
Thomas Coleman,	35 00
Patrick Crowley,	1 75
Henry Cook,	1 50
E. L. Clark,	1 75
D. W. Duane,	5 25
C. Dumphey,	1 50
Ira Drake,	30 00
J. Brown,	12 50
William A. Dyson,	5 30
B. F. Edson,	3 34
Herbert Edson,	6 80
D. F. Edson,	2 45
E. T. Ellis,	10 90
John S. Eastman,	9 50

Paid A. Fuller,	2 25
Charles Fisher,	22 75
George L. French,	20 75
Henry Gurney,	225 08
D. W. Gurney,	39 23
William Green,	103 58
M. E. Gammons,	75
J. C. Gilbert,	11 87
George Howland,	3 00
A. Harris,	1 00
Waldo Hayward,	3 50
N. T. Harding,	20 16
A. E. Howe,	3 00
Samuel J. Hoit,	88
George W. Holmes,	24 98
A. T. Hewett,	1 80
Henry G. Hill,	4 35
Adam Humble,	40 13
J. Brooks Harding,	56 33
Luther Harden,	31 63
Charles Hackett,	11 37
Francis Hayward,	24 77
Mike Hennessey,	163 92
William M. Judkin,	2 75
Z. A. Jenkins,	151 99
W. F. Keene,	6 25
Lysander Keith,	7 00
Samuel Keith,	259 89
Herbert C. Keith,	294 57
Freedom Keith,	167 26
Samuel R. McKenzie,	51 54
Patrick Luddy,	113 15
Elgin Laflan,	46 95
James W. Latham,	4 50

Paid Elieb Latham,	73 61
A. H. Latham,	46 84
C. A. Latham,	7 50
A. S. Lyon,	35 72
Keith & Latham,	17 25
J. M. Loucraft,	87 15
Tim Murphy,	197 22
Con Murray,	27 93
Thomas Morien,	35 13
J. H. Mills,	2 50
I. N. Nutter,	1 50
F. C. Nutter,	9 25
Frank Pratt,	52 98
Nat Perkins,	75
John B. Quigley,	4 38
James Roach,	460 05
Henry Sears,	103 50
E. F. Sampson,	12 14
Charles Scott,	33 25
W. G. Smellie,	5 40
C. W. Siddall,	3 50
George D. Steadman,	4 00
Samuel C. White,	11 02
Patrick Welsh,	252 32
Galen Willis,	106 08
Ben Ward,	21 00
A. G. Waterman,	5 50
James Wixson,	12 00
C. W. Wixson,	87
C. S. Whitman,	7 00
Mike Winn,	9 12
Charles Thrasher,	5 25
Charles Thayer,	25 11
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	\$4,940 97

Of the above amount, the following sums have been on bridges :—

Latham's bridge, on Bridge street :

Paid for Labor,	\$52 75	
Stone,	7 50	
Lumber and nails,	80 91	
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Bridge on Pleasant street, near S. D.

Shaw's :—

Paid for Labor,	\$50 24	
Lumber and nails,	62 59	
	<hr/>	\$112 83

Paid for two culverts on Winter street,	\$14 50	
one " " Central "	9 75	
one " " Whitman "	8 00	
one " " Union "	3 50	
one " " Central "	3 00	
three " " Oregon "	10 00	
one " " Belmont "	52 52	
one " " Bedford "	217 78	
	<hr/>	\$573 02

The culvert on Bedford street is a large one. It was re-built, lengthened about 35 feet, the course of water changed, street widened, and about 300 feet of new railing built. There was quicksand at the bottom of the culvert ; it had to be planked the entire length and spiling driven at both ends of culvert. About 2,500 feet of lumber were used on the job.

Sidewalks :—

Repairing sidewalks on Bedford street,	\$12 05
" " " Plymouth "	63 41

Repairing sidewalks on Washington St.,	50 88	
“ “ “ Whitman “	28 25	
“ “ “ Union “	27 10	
“ “ “ Central “	24 75	
“ “ “ Elm “	4 00	
“ “ “ West “	26 66	
New “ “ Matfield “	37 00	
“ “ “ Bedford “	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$299 10

Building new road from West to Bedford street, on land of Henry Gurney :—

Paid Henry Gurney per contract,	\$187 50	
Henry Gurney, for lumber, stone and labor,	11 33	
Z. A. Jenkins, drain pipe,	12 00	
Labor on same,	6 75	
Road commissioner,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$222 58

New road from West to Spring street, on land of J. M. Loucraft :—

Paid for labor grading road,	\$123 00	
Dynamite,	12 50	
Drain pipe,	12 20	
Labor on same,	2 25	
J. M. Loucraft, for carting 517 loads of gravel, at 15c. per load,	77 55	
C. Thayer, for 517 loads of gravel, for leveling gravel,	15 50	
	11 45	
	<hr/>	254 45
Crossman and Whitman fund,		117 00
Repairing highways,		3,474 82
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		\$4,940 97

There is an unsettled acct. with the estate of J.
E. Noyes; we have in our hands to settle
the same,

24 05

 \$4,965 02

Received of selectmen, orders to the
amount of, \$4,786 00

Received of Crossman and Whitman
fund, 117 00

Received of H. T. Marshall, his part of
expense building bridge near S. D.
Shaw's, as per agreement, 62 02

 \$4,965 02

Appropriations for highways, \$3,500 00

“ “ bridges, 500 00

“ “ sidewalks, 300 00

“ “ new streets, 475 00

“ “ Crossman and Whit-
man fund, 117 00

“ “ H. T. Marshall, 62 02

 \$4,954 02

Excess of appropriation, 11 00

 \$4,965 02

Paid the following persons for removing
snow from sidewalks :

Thomas O'Brien, \$3 20

Walter L. Benson, 7 50

John Burgess, 4 60

Dennis Curran, 7 50

J. Cunningham, 2 00

G. L. Chamberlain, 7 20

E. L. Clark, 6 25

John S. Eastman, 6 90

Paid Henry Gurney,	1 40	
Luther Harden,	3 80	
Jehial B. Harden,	2 40	
John B. Harding,	7 00	
Francis Hayward,	3 95	
H. C. Keith,	7 20	
Samuel Keith,	4 35	
Con Murray,	2 75	
James Roach,	12 40	
S. L. Seaver,	3 50	
William Vinton,	2 00	
P. Washburn,	2 10	
Patrick Welsh,	1 40	
	<hr/>	\$99 40
Unexpended,		100 60
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Appropriation for snow,		\$200 00

The bridge on Bedford street, near C. W. Siddall's, the stone and wood work of which is in bad condition, we think must be rebuilt this year. We recommend the building of a stone arch bridge to cost about \$2,750 with the grading.

SAMUEL KEITH,
GEO. L. CHAMBERLAIN,
HERBERT C. KEITH,

Road Commissioners.

REPORT OF ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid for sheds for hose-houses,	\$48 35
Janitor service,	36 50
E. E. Edson, repairs,	4 00
A. Hunting, oil, &c.,	4 77
W. K. Churchill, oil, &c.,	3 90
F. C. Nutter, supplies,	3 40
W. E. Bonney, whiffletrees,	3 25
M. S. Curtis, repairs, &c.,	4 50
Mrs. Gammons, repairs, &c.,	3 59
Postage,	24
Boston Woven Hose Co., hose,	82 50
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	\$195 00
Appropriation,	200 00
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Unexpended,	5 00

MINOT S. CURTIS, *Chief*,
F. C. NUTTER,
JOSHUA DEAN,
CHAS. F. CLARK,
W. K. CHURCHILL, *Clerk*.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Public Library met April 21, 1891, and organized by choosing Mr. A. B. Parker chairman, and Mr. I. N. Nutter secretary and treasurer.

The town, at the annual meeting, held March, 1891, re-elected A. B. Parker and Alice E. Strong, to serve for three years, as trustees.

During the year one hundred and sixty-five volumes have been added to the library; thirty-two were donated and one hundred and thirty-three were purchased.

A second supplementary catalogue has recently been printed, and can be obtained, without charge, of the librarian.

Number of books given out from Jan. 1, 1891, to

Jan. 1, 1892,	6, 233
Largest number on any day, May 7,	88
Smallest number on any day, Aug. 12,	15
Average number,	41.82

Cards have been issued to fifty new patrons.

The books taken from the library are classified as follows :

Fiction,	70.75
History,	4.28
Travel,	4.74
Juvenile,	11.07
Science,	2.59
Biography,	2.88
Magazines,	4.05

The following magazines are provided each month for use of the patrons of the library, viz: "Atlantic," "Century," and "Harper's."

A copy of the new "Atlas of Massachusetts," has been recently purchased, and will be found of great use to those wishing to learn more about the geography of the "Old Bay State."

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1891:

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation by the town,	\$300 00
Cash of librarian, fines collected,	23 52
Cash of librarian, catalogues sold,	7 00
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	\$330 52

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books purchased,	\$165 41
Magazines purchased,	11 16
Express and freight,	5 35
Lucie L. Siddall, librarian,	100 00
Insurance,	7 50
J. Burrell, printing,	11 50
Incidentals,	3 32
Binding books and magazines,	11 19
Paper for covering books,	7 50
Cash on hand,	7 59
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	\$330 52

A. B. PARKER, *Chairman*,
I. N. NUTTER, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

FRANK SMITH, *Collector*,

In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

To amount of taxes of 1890 uncollected,	\$75 74
“ interest collected,	99
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	\$76 73

CR.

By amount paid treasurer, Aug. 1, 1891,	\$36 10
“ “ “ Jan. 25, 1892,	9 42
“ uncollected Jan. 25, 1892,	31 21
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	\$76 73

The amount of taxes remaining uncollected for the year 1890, is the tax assessed upon lots sold by the Hanson Land Company to 227 individuals, whose residence is unknown to me.

1891.

DR.

To amount committed,	\$21,696 65
“ of interest collected,	98 21
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	\$21,794 86

CR.

By amount paid treasurer,	\$21,655 90
“ uncollected,	138 96
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	\$21,794 86

FRANK SMITH,

Collector.

FEB. 6, 1892.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

FROM JAN. 1, 1891, TO JAN. 1, 1892.

RECEIPTS.

Cash drawn from East Bridgewater Savings Bank,		\$57 56
Interest,		2 00
1891.		
January	1. Y. M. S. A. dance,	\$12 00
Feb.	18. V. W. Keith, German,	11 00
	23. L. W. Richards, concert,	5 00
	26. Miss Laura F. Taylor,	3 00
March	18. Unitarian Society,	8 00
April	1. Y. M. S. A. dance,	10 00
	6. Masons, both halls,	12 00
	24. Y. M. S. A. dance,	10 00
May	2. Unitarian Society, fair,	10 00
	28. Whist club,	8 00
	29. Thomas Luddy, both halls,	14 00
June	9. Unitarian Sewing Circle,	3 00
	23. Unitarian Society, L. P.	2 00
Oct.	2. Y. M. S. A. dance,	10 00
	16. Y. M. S. A. Dance,	10 00
	17. Democratic rally,	5 00
	27. Republican rally,	5 00
	30. Democratic rally,	5 00
Nov.	6. J. W. Maynard,	6 00
	20. Y. M. S. A. dance,	10 00
	26. Unitarian Society,	8 00

Dec.	4.	Odd Fellows, both halls,	12 00
	17.	J. J. Hattons Co.,	2 00
	29.	High School reunion,	8 00
	30.	L. W. Richards, concert,	5 00
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			\$253 56

EXPENDITURES.

1891.

Feb.	10.	Washburn & Hayward,	\$18 00
	10.	Wm. H. French,	1 00
	14.	B. F. Edson,	17 25
	14.	John M. Whiting,	7 75
	14.	Irving Horton,	1 75
	17.	Zenas Jenkins,	9 25
	17.	Minot S. Curtis,	11 59
	23.	Clearing cook room,	1 00
May	6.	F. C. Nutter,	40
	28.	Martin Sumner,	2 25
June	6.	S. L. Seaver,	3 70
Aug.	1.	Mrs. Reed, and Freeman,	6 00
	7.	B. F. Edson,	8 03
	20.	Martin Sumner,	1 50
	22.	A. K. Benson,	1 25
	22.	E. L. Clark,	1 00
Oct.	29.	James Roach,	1 50
Nov.	7.	F. C. Nutter,	50
	12.	B. F. Edson,	50
Dec.	31.	Frank Smith,	2 35
	31.	Joshua Dean,	13 00
	31.	A. G. Waterman,	1 20
	31.	M. E. Gammons,	8 75
	31.	Amos Hunting,	11 31
	31.	W. H. Wing & Co.,	20

Dec.	31.	Thomas Rounseville, janitor, etc.,	50 90
	31.	Cash in E. Bridgewater Savings Bank.	60 00
	31.	Cash on hand,	1 63
	31.	F. E. Trow, secretary,	10 00
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			\$253 56

CHAS. F. MANN,
 IRVING HORTON,
 F. E. TROW,
Committee.

F. E. TROW,
Secretary and Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Assessors and Collector, and find the same correct and as follows :

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on treasurer,	\$13,166 49
Amount of orders paid by treasurer,	\$13,166 49

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on treasurer,	\$7,697 61
Amount of orders paid by treasurer,	\$7,697 61

TREASURER.

Amount received during the year,	\$36,853 79
Amount paid out during the year,	35,059 84
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Cash on hand,	\$1,793 95

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection,	\$21,696 65
Interest collected,	98 21
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	\$21,794 86
Amount paid to treasurer,	21,655 90
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Uncollected taxes,	\$138 96

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Amount on hand Dec. 31, 1890, and received during the year,	\$467 25
Amount paid out during the year ending Dec. 31, 1891,	444 49
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Cash on hand, Jan 1, 1892,	\$22 76
Total valuation, \$1,482,134.	
Rate per \$1,000, \$13.50.	

Respectfully submitted

N. F. DUNPHE,

Auditor.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 11, 1892.

TOWN MEETING.

The annual town meeting will be held on Monday, the seventh day of March next, at one o'clock, P. M., at which the following articles will be acted upon :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the reports of town officers and committees.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to pay all town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To adopt some method for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To act upon a list of jurors proposed by the selectmen.

ART. 8. To vote upon the question, " Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 9. To see if the town will build a new bridge on Bedford St., near the house of Charles W. Siddall.

ART. 10. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to regulate, by order duly published, the use of bicycles upon any sidewalk within the limits of said town.

GEO. M. KEITH,
HENRY GURNEY,
JOSHUA DEAN,

Selectmen.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.
1891-92.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In conformity to the requirements of the Commonwealth, the school committee herewith present their annual report.

At the Annual Town Meeting held March 2, 1891, Dr. George Hunt was re-elected a member of the committee for three years.

The organization of the committee was effected by the election of Dr. Hunt as chairman, and Wyman C. Fickett, secretary and treasurer. As for several previous years, the secretary was appointed "to purchase and distribute all text-books and supplies, prepare examination papers, superintend the promotion of pupils, issue age and schooling certificates, as required by the law of 1888, and attend to the miscellaneous duties usually performed by a superintendent of schools."

Upon a careful review of the condition and work of the several schools, as a whole, during the past year, the committee feel justified in saying that very satisfactory and commendable progress has been made. If, in a few instances, the results obtained have not been all that could be desired, the causes are not hard to find, the chief one being the frequent change of teachers.

Although this subject has been repeatedly discussed in former reports, we cannot, in justice to certain schools, forbear to mention it again. Our schools, as at present organized, require fifteen teachers, yet, during the year, twenty-two different persons, besides several substitutes, have been employed. Can uniform progress and the best results be consistently demanded, or even expected, under such conditions? The answer is obvious.

Take, for example, the Centre Intermediate School, which is well graded and properly appointed in every respect, and from which the most satisfactory work has for many years been obtained. Miss Savery, the efficient and popular teacher of this school, resigned in the middle of the spring term to accept a more lucrative position elsewhere. The committee thought themselves especially fortunate in securing the services of Miss Lillie B. Andrews, a most competent and successful teacher, for the vacant position. Scarcely had Miss Andrews become familiar with the school, its wants and peculiar requirements, and the pupils accustomed to the new order of affairs, when this teacher also resigned, to accept a much better position in Brockton. The school was then committed to the charge of Miss Susan L. Washburn, who, unfortunately, has been obliged, by the severe illness of her family, to ask that a substitute be found to take her place for several weeks.

If the progress of this school is perceptibly less than that observed in former years, it will cause no surprise to those familiar with the disadvantages under which it has labored, and should reflect no discredit upon its present teacher.

The committee have also been obliged to accept the resignations of two teachers in the Elmwood schools, one each in Curtisville and Eastville, and one (assistant) in the High school. The two vacancies at Elmwood occurred in the middle of a term and without previous notice to the committee, thus forcing upon them the alternative of closing the schools or of employing such teachers as could be found at the moment. No particular criticism is intended upon the efficiency of the teachers so employed, but attention is called to the fact—patent to all who have a personal interest in these schools, especially in the grammar school—that the children there have not made that progress which might otherwise have been expected.

Due notice was given of the resignation of Miss Hattie M.

Bates, who for several years has been the popular and highly successful teacher in the Curtisville school, and the committee make no apology for deviating, in this case, from their usual practice of refraining from the mention of any particular teacher for especial commendation. Five years of faithful, intelligent and successful labor in the same school, have fully established her right to this public recognition of her services. A better *offer*, and not insufficiency of salary, was the cause of this resignation, and Miss Bates carries with her to her new home the kindest regards of her numerous friends.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The usual statistics are here appended, showing the number of pupils enrolled in each school, the average membership, the average attendance, and the per cent. of average attendance for the year, together with the other items usually given in this connection. The rank of East Bridgewater has always been an honorable one in regard to punctuality of attendance, and much credit is due to both teachers and pupils for the successful efforts which they have made to maintain the high rank of the town.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.									Per cent. of Average Attendance for Year.
	SUMMER.			FALL.			WINTER.			
	Whole No.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Whole No.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Whole No.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	
High School	61	60	54	76	74	69	71	68	63	92.2
Centre Grammar	37	35	33	41	39	38	40	38	37	95.4
Centre Intermediate . .	45	43	33	47	43	34	46	46	37	78.9
West Intermediate . . .	23	23	22	27	27	26	26	26	25	96.5
West Primary	45	40	38	33	32	30	30	29	27	93.8
North Primary	50	43	39	42	38	36	32	24	21	90
Elmwood Grammar . . .	16	15	14	21	20	19	19	15	14	93.7
Elmwood Primary . . .	43	38	33	46	35	33	36	25	24	89
Beaver Grammar	19	17	17	18	15	15	16	15	14	95.4
Beaver Primary	36	30	28	41	35	33	37	32	30	93.5
Northville	34	31	30	30	26	24	28	25	24	96
Eastville	20	16	14	25	19	18	18	14	12	87
Curtisville	16	16	15	15	14	14	19	16	15	95.2
Satucket	22	20	18	18	18	16	19	14	12	89.4
Totals	467	427	388	480	435	405	437	387	355	92

Number of children in town between the ages of five
and fifteen, as shown by the school census
taken May 1, 1891,
Increase from last year,

445
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Whole number of pupils of all ages enrolled on school registers,	543
Increase from last year,	2
Number over fifteen years,	53
Number under five years,	8
Average membership of schools for year,	416
Increase from last year,	4
Average attendance,	383
Per cent. of average attendance,	92

For some time past, the committee have issued the following blank for a monthly report from each teacher. By this means a more comprehensive knowledge of the condition of the different schools is given the committee than could otherwise be easily obtained.

Besides affording much information of importance to the committee, the use of these monthly reports has been of great value to the schools themselves, stimulating the pupils to a more punctual attendance, and, in some cases, creating a commendable rivalry for the best record in the matters thus reported.

A copy of the blank used is here annexed :

TEACHER'S MONTHLY REPORT

of the School.

To the School Committee for the month ending189

1. Whole number of pupils registered during the month,
2. Average number belonging,
3. Whole number of absences,
4. Average daily attendance,
5. Per cent. of daily attendance,*
6. Number of pupils over 15 years of age,
7. Number of half-days of truancy,
8. Number of cases of tardiness,

9. Number of cases of dismissal,
10. Number of cases of corporal punishment,
11. Number of times the teacher has been tardy,†
12. Number of times the teacher has been absent,
13. Number of visits and calls by the school committee this month,
14. Number of visits and calls by others this month,

1. *The basis of the per cent. of attendance is the average number belonging, and not the whole number enrolled.

2. A pupil shall not be counted in this report in any of the following cases:

(1.) When the teacher has reliable information that the pupil has left school not to return.

(2.) When the pupil has been absent from school five consecutive days.

(3.) When the pupil has been suspended from school.

..... *Teacher.*

†Teachers are REQUIRED to be present fifteen minutes before the commencement of the exercises, both morning and afternoon.

DISCIPLINE.

The committee take great pleasure in reporting that in only one or two instances during the year have they been called upon for advice in matters of discipline. The pupils in general deserve much commendation for their cheerful and ready obedience to all the necessary school regulations, and for their hearty co-operation with the teachers and committee in promoting the usefulness of the schools.

It is a source of congratulation that the good order and quietness which characterize our schools, almost without an exception, have been obtained by the proper means, rather than by the exercise of an imperious will and a strong arm. The good judgment and persuasive kindness displayed by the teachers, in helping to bring about this most desirable condition of school affairs, is heartily appreciated.

MUSIC.

It is with great satisfaction that your committee can repeat the very favorable report of last year in regard to the marked success which has followed the introduction of vocal music as a regular exercise into the schools. The fears entertained by some that the interest manifested by the pupils would diminish as the novelty of the work wore off, have proved entirely groundless, and no one of the prescribed studies excites more enthusiasm than the singing lesson.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This school, when due allowance is made for its large numbers and the grammar school work which it is compelled to do, is in excellent condition. It has thorough, competent and successful teachers, many energetic and ambitious pupils, a convenient and well ventilated school-room, and retains the high place which it has always held in the estimation of the community.

The school is still under the charge of Geo. F. Murdock, A. B., assisted by Miss Grace Savage, a graduate of the Bridge-water Normal School.

The school at present consists of sixty-nine pupils pursuing the courses of study indicated in the following table :

CLASS.	WHOLE NUMBER.	THREE YEARS' COURSE.	FOUR YEARS' COURSE.
Seniors	7		7
Sub-Seniors	19	3	16
Ex-Juniors	18	3	15
Junior	25	1	24
Totals	69	7	62

The exercises of the graduating class were held in the Town Hall, Friday evening, June 26, 1891, when diplomas were awarded as follows :

Four years' English and Latin course :—

Herbert B. Brett,	Emily J. Clark,
Esther B. Cook,	Josiah Hathaway,
E. Isabelle Ramsdell.	

Four years' English course :—

Francis J. Sites.

Three years' English course :—

Nellie P. Bates,	Sarah J. Foley.
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CONDITION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Two years' trial of the system of heating and ventilating the High School building fully justifies the opinion expressed in the last annual report — *i. e.*, that the ventilation is perfect, and that the heating depends altogether upon the care and good judgment of the janitor, the capacity of the furnaces being amply sufficient to keep the temperature of the whole building at 70° Fahr. in the coldest weather.

The roof of the High School building is in a poor condition, as it leaks badly after every rain, and should be resingled this year. It leaks in so many places that it has been found difficult to repair it by "patching," and true economy seems to indicate that resingling is the proper course to take.

The other houses will require no special repairs this year, and the usual appropriation for general repairs will probably meet all necessary demands.

The cost of general repairs, the past year, has been increased on account of the wanton injury to the school property at Northville during the summer vacation, and also at the North

Primary, though in justice to the persons who infest the latter place, it should be said that the damage done by them was less extensive last year than usual.

The committee recommend that the following amounts be raised for the support of schools and other purposes, for the ensuing year :

For Support of schools,	\$6,000 00
Text-books and school supplies,	400 00
Incidentals,	300 00
Salary of music teacher,	250 00
General repairs,	100 00
Shingling High School building,	190 00

GEORGE HUNT,
WILLIAM ALLEN,
WYMAN C. FICKETT,
School Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 1, 1892.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation,	\$6,000 00
Received of State Treasurer,	184 56
Received of County Treasurer,	390 53
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Amount available,	\$6,575 09

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

George F. Murdock, High School,	\$1,000 00
M. P. C. Tucker, High School,	312 50
Grace Savage, High School,	200 00
Susan A. Bullard, Centre Grammar,	360 00
Lizzie L. Savery, Centre Intermediate,	102 60
M. Grace Fickett, Centre Intermediate,	5 40
Lillie B. Andrews, Centre Intermediate,	90 00
Susan L. Washburn, Centre Intermediate,	140 00
Julia Mansfield, Beaver Grammar,	360 00
Agnes K. Littlefield, Beaver Primary,	297 50
Louise C. Allen, Beaver Primary,	6 80
Eudora Sanford, West Intermediate,	324 00
Abby B. Wade, West Primary,	307 00
Mary Mayo, Elmwood Grammar,	240 00
Fannie Shaw, Elmwood Grammar,	10 00
Lida W. Copeland, Elmwood Grammar,	100 00
Lizzie C. Paul, Elmwood Primary,	130 00
S. Lizzie Folger, Elmwood Primary,	198 00
Ann W. Harden, Satucket,	324 00

Hattie M. Bates, Curtisville,	189 00
Clara C. Howland, Curtisville,	135 00
Emma Putney, Eastville,	189 00
Carrie E. Hodge, Eastville,	135 00
Ellen M. Murphy, Northville,	360 00
Grace L. Cook, North Primary,	307 00
Town of Whitman, tuition,	9 00

\$5,831 80

FUEL.

A. L. Alger, coal,	\$127 75
Hosea Hathaway, wood,	9 00
Reuben Harden, wood,	3 35
C. W. Alger, coal,	161 96
J. D. Jones, kindlings,	12 50
Joshua Dean, coal,	108 80

Total, \$423 36

CARE OF HOUSES AND CLEANING.

James Timmons, High School house, care,	\$41 40
Herbert L. Hathaway, Northville, care,	4 00
Mrs. Walter Hathaway, Northville, cleaning,	1 85
George Shepard, Satucket, care,	7 00
Thomas Adam, Curtisville, care,	7 00
George Adam, Curtisville, care,	3 00
Frank McGlathery, Eastville, care,	10 00
Frank McGlathery, Eastville, water,	3 00
Mrs. Daniel Geary, North Primary, care,	10 50
Frank Keith, West Intermediate, care,	7 00
Harry White, Elmwood, care,	20 00
Lulu Bates, Beaver Grammar, care,	7 00
Agnes K. Littlefield, Beaver Primary, care,	10 00
Julia Mansfield, Beaver Grammar, care,	3 00

Harry Adams, Eastville, water,	3 00
Abby B. Wade, West Primary, care,	13 00
J. Pettingale, High School house, care,	99 00
Ann W. Harden, Satucket, care,	3 00
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, Northville, care,	6 00
John Beard, Eastville, water,	50
Mrs. S. Harris, Satucket, cleaning,	4 60
Eudora Sanford, West Intermediate, cleaning,	4 50
Mrs. Barrett, High School and Elmwood, cleaning,	14 07
Ervin Lothrop, Elmwood, care,	6 00
Mrs. H. A. Osborne, Beaver Grammar, cleaning,	3 75
Total,	<hr/> \$292 17

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for teaching,	\$5,831 80
for fuel,	423 36
for care of houses,	292 17
Total,	<hr/> \$6,547 33
Amount available,	6,575 09
Unexpended,	<hr/> \$27 76

INSURANCE.

Paid B. W. Keith,	\$85 02
Appropriation,	75 00
Excess of expenditure,	<hr/> \$10 02

REPAIRS.

Irving Horton, labor and stock,	\$11 78
S. L. Seaver, High School,	27 73
Chas. I. Harding, Northville,	1 30
M. S. Curtis, labor and stock,	40 07
George B. Howland, Curtisville,	4 00

Zenas Jenkins, lumber,	13 09
C. Murray, irons,	5 00
Total,	<hr/> \$102 97
Appropriation,	100 00
Excess of expenditure,	<hr/> \$2 97

INCIDENTALS.

George L. Jones, repairs on clocks,	\$13 40
W. A. Bowles, repairs on organs,	5 00
James Timmons, labor,	2 62
Herbert L. Hathaway, cash paid and labor,	1 20
Samuel Hoit, labor,	3 00
E. L. Clark, labor,	3 00
O. C. R. R., freight,	53
L. J. Voigt, diplomas,	2 00
W. C. Fickett, school census,	20 00
M. E. Gammons, stock and labor, 1890-'91,	100 78
F. C. Nutter, sundries,	1 28
Irving Horton, labor,	3 00
Jarvis Burrill, printing,	19 15
Joseph Pettingale, labor,	1 50
Ezra Fuller, labor,	7 00
Francis Hayward, labor,	8 20
Joseph Mills, labor,	1 00
W. C. Fickett, postage, telegrams, etc.,	4 75
David Gurney, labor,	2 00
Alger & Co., express,	15 80
J. L. Hammett, sundries,	91 51
Total,	<hr/> \$306 72
Appropriation,	300 00
Excess of expenditure,	<hr/> \$6 72

TEXT-BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Ginn & Co., singing books, etc., (1890)	\$75 00
Ginn & Co., school-books,	83 46
Willard Small, school-books,	8 05
Effingham, Maynard & Co.,	2 03
J. L. Hammett,	67 76
D. C. Heath & Co.,	63
William Ware & Co.,	18 50
American Book Co.,	109 66
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	16 25
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	17 28
Lee & Shepard,	1 50
Boston School Supply Co.,	4 20
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Total,	\$404 32
Appropriation,	400 00
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Excess of expenditure,	\$4 32

MUSIC.

Laura F. Taylor, teaching,	\$251 25
Appropriation,	250 00
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Excess of expenditure,	\$1 25

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations, school purposes,	\$6,000 00
Received of State Treasurer,	184 56
Received of County Treasurer,	390 53
Appropriation, Insurance,	75 00

Appropriation, General repairs,	100 00
Incidentals,	300 00
Text-books and school supplies,	400 00
Salary of music teacher, .	250 00

Amount available,	\$7,700 09
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Paid Teaching,	\$5,831 80
Fuel,	423 36
Care of houses,	292 17
Insurance,	85 02
Repairs,	102 97
Incidentals,	306 72
Text-books and supplies,	404 32
Music,	251 25
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	\$7,697 61

Unexpended,	\$2 48
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W. C. FICKETT,
Treasurer of School Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER,
 Feb. 1, 1892.

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE YEAR 1892.

BROCKTON:
G. A. GOODALL PRINTING COMPANY.
1893.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1892.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor—GEORGE M. KEITH, HENRY GURNEY, ARTHUR G. WATERMAN.

Town Clerk—FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer—ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Collector—FRANK SMITH.

Auditor—N. FRANK DUNPHE.

School Committee—EDMUND W. NUTTER, EDWARD T. MORSE, 3 years; ROBERT O. HARRIS, MRS. JAMES S. ALLEN, 2 years; WILLIAM ALLEN, MRS. N. FRANK DUNPHE, 1 year.

Superintendent of Schools—R. D. McKEEN.

Constables—BENJAMIN SIDDALL, EDWARD E. EDSON, HERBERT EDSON, ROBERT J. MITCHELL, WILLIAM H. BUSSEY, GEORGE W. SANDRIDGE, THOMAS S. H. ROUNSEVILLE, STILLMAN W. WARD.

Road Commissioners—SAMUEL KEITH, HERBERT C. KEITH, GEORGE L. CHAMBERLAIN.

Measurers of Wood—WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, WILLIAM B. HALL, ARTHUR C. CHURCHILL.

Surveyors of Lumber—LEVI P. CHURCHILL, ZENAS A. JENKINS, ARTHUR C. CHURCHILL.

Weighers—GEORGE W. ALGER, THOMAS H. PERKINS, WILLIAM EDSON, ZENAS A. JENKINS, PRESCOTT H. PRATT.

Pound Keeper—HENRY W. SEARS.

Field Drivers—HARRY B. KEITH, GEORGE I. LOUCRAFT, F. ELMER KEITH.

Fence Viewers—HENRY GURNEY, A. HARRIS LATHAM.

Sealer Weights and Measures—ROBERT YOUNG.

Engineers of Fire Department—MINOT S. CURTIS, WARREN K. CHURCHILL, JOSHUA DEAN, CHARLES F. CLARK, IRVING HORTON.

Registrars of Voters—AMOS HUNTING, FRED E. FULLER, E. S. WHITMARSH, FRANK SMITH.

Town Hall Committee—FRED E. FULLER, GEORGE F. LOMBARD, CHARLES F. MANN.

Trustees of Public Library—ISAAC N. NUTTER, EDMUND W. NUTTER, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, ALFRED B. PARKER, MRS. MARY T. HOBART, MISS ALICE STRONG.

Board of Health—ALLAN L. SHIRLEY, M. D., ROBERT O. HARRIS, G. C. ALLEN.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1892.

For Support of schools,	\$6,000 00	
School incidentals,	300 00	
Text-books and supplies,	400 00	
Music teacher,	250 00	
General repairs on school property,	100 00	
Shingling high school building,	200 00	
Salary for superintendent of schools,	350 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,600 00
Highways,	\$3,500 00	
Bridges and culverts,	500 00	
Sidewalks and street crossings,	600 00	
Removal of snow,	500 00	
Building new street,	175 00	
Building bridge on Bedford street,	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	6,775 00
Town officers and committees,	\$1,400 00	
Support of the poor,	3,000 00	
Hydrant rental,	1,050 00	
Incidentals,	500 00	
Public library,	500 00	
Fire department,	400 00	
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00	
Police duty and suppression of crime,	200 00	
Building tramp-house,	250 00	
	<hr/>	7,400 00
Total appropriation,		<hr/> \$21,775 00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS. JAN. 1. 1892.

LIABILITIES.

Note due New Bedford Institution of Savings, dated April 2, 1888,	\$3,500 00
Interest from Oct. 2, 1891, to Dec 31, 1891,	39 38
Note due East Bridgewater Savings Bank,	1,000 00
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	\$4,539 38

ASSETS.

Due from State for State aid,	\$531 00
“ “ “ “ military aid,	183 00
“ “ “ “ burying indigent soldiers,	33 50
“ “ “ “ “ pauper,	15 00
Cash in treasury,	1,793 95
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	\$2,556 45

R E P O R T
OF THE
SELECTMEN. ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF
THE POOR.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

STATE AID.

Paid Harriet B. Bates,	\$24 00
Henry Burns,	72 00
George R. Dyer,	48 00
William A. Dyson,	21 00
Sarah B. Gould,	2 00
Augustus M. Howe,	48 00
Betsey A. Hale,	24 00
Clarissa K. Howland,	48 00
Edward F. Hassett,	36 00
Henry A. Osborne,	48 00
Nancy W. Pratt,	48 00
Nathan Reed,	8 00
Henry B. Rogers,	48 00
William S. Sampson,	45 00
Thankful O. Trow,	24 00
Selden M. Washburn,	48 00
Eldridge Winsor,	9 00
Abigail K. Winsor,	4 00
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	\$605 00

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MILITARY AID.

Paid Augustus B. Vickery,	\$96 00
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SOLDIERS' AID.

Paid Mrs. Clark Wentworth,	\$32 00
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DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Justin Dimick Post, G. A. R.	\$100 00
Appropriation,	100 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid treasurer of trustees,	\$500 00
Appropriation,	500 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid M. S. Curtis, Chief Engineer, for department,	\$375 00
Unexpended,	25 00
Appropriation,	<hr/> \$400 00

HYDRANT SERVICE.

Paid Bridgewaters Water Company, for rental of thirty-five hydrants,	\$1,050 00
Appropriation,	1,050 00

POLICE DUTY AND SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid Wm. H. Bussey, constable,	\$2 50	
E. E. Edson, “	4 00	
Geo. W. Sandridge, “	7 00	
R. J. Mitchell, “	47 40	
T. S. H. Rounseville, “	23 50	
Benjamin Siddall, “	21 00	
	<hr/>	\$105 40
Unexpended,		94 60
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Appropriation,		\$200 00

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, ETC.

Paid Samuel Keith, chairman of road commis- sioners,	\$5,282 39
Unexpended,	1,492 61
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Appropriation,	\$6,775 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Geo. Allen,	\$28 40	
John B. Harding, estate,	7 10	
Deborah T. Morse,	7 10	
Howard G. Kingman,	2 00	
John P. Fermalde,	4 26	
Frank Smith, tax collector, on taxes of 1890,	\$26 78	
Frank Smith, tax collector, on taxes of 1891,	2 00	
Frank Smith, tax collector, on taxes of 1892,	77 86	
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No Appropriation,		\$155 50

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Paid N. F. Dunphe, for services as auditor,		\$15 00
William Allen, for services on school committee,		15 00
Wyman C. Fickett, for services on school committee,	\$42 63	
Wyman C. Fickett, for cash paid for singing books,	40	
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E. T. Morse, for services on school committee,	\$10 00	
E. T. Morse, for car fares,	1 80	
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Geo. M. Keith, for services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	\$159 25	
Geo. M. Keith, for car fare and use of horse and carriage,	2 90	
Geo. M. Keith, for postage,	50	
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Henry Gurney, for services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	\$164 12	
Henry Gurney, for car fare,	3 12	
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A. G. Waterman, for services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	\$39 38	
A. G. Waterman, for car fares and use of horse and carriage,	15 75	
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Geo. M. Keith, for services as moderator at the annual town meeting,		3 00

Paid I. N. Nutter, for services as town treasurer,		\$150 00
Frank Smith, for services as town clerk,	\$63 25	
Frank Smith, for services as clerk of registrars,	34 50	
Frank Smith, for registration and tax books,	4 50	
Frank Smith, for stationery, postage and express,	6 25	
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Amos Hunting, for services as registrar,	\$14 00	
Amos Hunting, for services as ballot clerk,	3 00	
	<hr/>	17 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, for services as registrar,	\$15 00	
E. S. Whitmarsh, for services as ballot clerk,	3 00	
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Fred E. Fuller, for services as registrar,		15 00
Wm. H. Bussey, for services as teller at state election,		4 00
Lucius J. Curtis, for services as teller at state election,		4 00
Irving Horton, for services as teller at state election,		4 00
James F. Doyle, for services as teller at state election,		4 00
E. E. Edson, for services as assistant ballot clerk,		2 00
James W. Latham, for services as assistant ballot clerk,		2 00

Paid Benjamin Siddall, for posting town warrants,	\$35 00	
Benjamin Siddall, for notifying town officers,	3 00	
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H. A. Long, use of horse and carriage for school committee,		12 00
A. L. Shirley, for services as health officer,		23 25
Frank Smith, for collection of taxes,		226 53
I. N. Nutter, for postage,	\$1 64	
I. N. Nutter, for receipt book,	25	
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Samuel Keith, for services on committee on abolishing grade crossings,	\$25 61	
Samuel Keith, expenses on committee,	24 85	
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Total,		\$1,153 48
Unexpended,		246 52
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Appropriation,		\$1,400 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid East Bridgewater Savings Bank for rent of room,	\$150 00
G. A. Goodall Printing Co., for printing town reports,	110 70
Z. A. Jenkins, for shingles, lumber and nails for town hall,	125 23
George F. Lombard, for shingling town hall,	44 85

Paid E. S. Whitmarsh, agent, for insurance on town hall,	\$22 50
Jarvis Burrell, postal cards and printing,	45 05
B. W. Harris, counsel for committee on abolishing grade crossings,	60 00
Berlin Bridge Co., for services as experts for committee on abolishing grade crossings,	69 37
H. C. Keith, for services and expense under direction of committee on abolishing grade crossings,	3 70
E. L. Brown, services as civil engineer for committee on abolishing grade crossings,	44 94
E. C. Linfield, for publishing town meeting and election warrants,	22 00
Alfred Mudge & Son, for printing check lists,	14 00
Henry Gurney, for distributing town reports,	8 00
Geo. H. Ellis, check book for town treasurer,	6 50
P. B. Murphy, for assessors' blanks,	3 15
Fred R. Siddall, for voting list boards,	2 00
I. N. Nutter, administering oaths to town officers,	3 00
Patrick Luddy, for relaying drain pipe for drinking fountain, junction of Central and Elm streets,	2 13
Benjamin Siddall, care of town room,	12 00
Town of Hanson, tax on cedar swamp,	23
J. B. Harding estate, care of street lamp, 1891,	5 25
J. B. Harding estate, for oil and chimney for street lamp, 1891,	2 16
George W. Holmes, care of street lamp,	9 00
George W. Holmes, for oil, etc., for street lamp,	1 30
Charles H. Grow, for care of street lamps,	6 00

Paid Percy F. Keith, for care of street lamp,	\$7 00
George Geary, for care of street lamp,	2 50
W. K. Churchill, for care of street lamp,	3 00
W. K. Churchill, for oil and chimneys for street lamps,	5 22
Amos Hunting, for oil, wicks and chimneys for street lamps,	8 35
A. G. Waterman, for oil for street lamp,	45
M. S. Curtis, for repairing street lanterns,	2 25
Charles H. Waterman, for repairing street lanterns,	85
Benjamin Siddall, for post for street lantern,	75
Charles H. Waterman, stove pipe and collar for town room,	50
Frank Smith, sulphur candles for board of health,	1 50
Alger & Co., express,	2 75
C. E. Field, M. D., for return of births,	5 50
A. L. Shirley, M. D., for return of births,	3 00
C. E. Lovell, M. D., for return of births,	75
O. A. Bemmis, M. D., for return of birth,	25
William S. Prophet, for return of deaths,	3 00
F. S. Howard, for return of deaths in 1891,	2 00
F. S. Howard, for return of deaths in 1892,	2 00
Charles McCann, for return of deaths in 1891,	1 25
Howard, Clark & Co., for return of deaths,	1 00
Henry Gurney, for resetting boundary monument between East and West Bridgewater on Matfield street,	1 25
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	\$828 18
Appropriation,	500 00
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Excess of appropriation,	\$328 18

TRUST FUNDS.

LATHAM FUND.

Amount of fund,		\$500 00
“ available Jan. 1st, 1892,	\$54 23	
“ of interest during year,	28 05	
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Amount available Jan. 1st, 1893,		\$82 28

ALDEN FUND.

Amount of fund,		\$2,624 90
“ available Jan. 1st, 1891,	\$178 23	
“ of interest during year,	138 77	
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Amount of tax paid,	16 30	
“ disbursed during year,	90 75	
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Amount available Jan. 1st, 1893,		\$209 95

CROSSMAN AND WHITMAN FUND.

Amount of fund,	\$2,000 00
Amount of interest accrued to Jan. 1st, 1893,	\$157 78

The conditions of this fund have been waived the past year by Mr. J. H. Crossman the giver, and none of the accrument has been used.

JOHNSON FUND.

The town having become residuary legatee of the estate of the late Willard Johnson, there has been paid to the town by the trustees of said estate, the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars, to constitute a fund for the benefit of a Free Public Library, on the following conditions: That the town “shall provide at their own expense a suitable person or per-

sons to have charge of the same, and a suitable and convenient place to keep said library, and provided further that they shall annually appropriate, after the acceptance of this bequest, the sum of fifty dollars for the purchase of additional books and periodicals for said library; and provided further that no part of the sum herein bequeathed, or the income from it, shall be used or applied for any other purpose than that of purchasing books and periodicals and other educational works, papers, maps or apparatus, properly pertaining to a free public library."

MONUMENTAL ASSOCIATION.

The East Bridgewater Monumental Association organized Jan. 28, 1869, for the purpose of erecting a granite shaft to commemorate the patriotism and valor of their townsmen who served in the army or navy during the war of the rebellion, and lost their lives while in the service, having secured the erection of the monument, voted to place in the town treasury the balance of money unexpended.

This amount, \$138.48, was paid to the town July 7, 1891, and was deposited in the East Bridgewater Savings Bank. Interest amounting to \$10.59 has been received, and \$4.00 has been expended, leaving a balance with the bank of \$145.07, the income of which will keep the fence in repair and care for the ground around the monument.

At the April Town Meeting, the selectmen were directed to name certain streets in town, not having been named, having attended to that duty, we submit the following

REPORT :

Chestnut Street — From Central street, near the house of Benjamin F. Edson, to Bridge street, near the house of N. A. Washburn.

Cottage Street — From West street, near the house of P. W.

Poole, to Bedford street, near the house of Oliver Holmes.

Emerald Street — From Union street, near the house of Patrick

Foley, to Cross street.

Laurel Street — From West street, near the house of E. L.

Lothrop, to Union street, near the house of Walter Crocker.

Park Street — From West street, near Loucraft's store, to

Spring street, near the brick-yard.

Willow Street — From Central street, near the house of Leonard

Selee, to the house of William L. Mitchell.

LIST OF JURORS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Allen, Granville C.

Burrell, Jarvis.

Bennett, B. Warren.

Bisbee, Joseph E.

Brett, Royal T.

Chandler, Clarence A.

Curtis, Minot C.

Caldwell, Wellington.

Churchill, Newton.

Collomore, Francis.

Dean, Joshua.

Dean, Reuel.

Fuller, Fred E.

Gurney, Henry.

Hewett, Abbott T.

Howland, George B.

Humble, M. Newton.

Keene, William F.

Keith, Isaac N.

Latham, A. Harris.

Mann, Charles F.

Pratt, Charles W.

Pratt, Prescott H.

Sampson, Ezra F.

Safford, Eben C.

Skilling, George E.

Whiting, John M.

Washburn, Walter W.

Waterman, Arthur G.

Wood, Charles G.

GEO. M. KEITH,
HENRY GURNEY, } *Selectmen.*
A. G. WATERMAN,

DEPARTMENT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid Henry W. Sears, salary as warden,	\$425 00
Amos Hunting, groceries, &c.,	142 43
A. G. Waterman, groceries, &c.,	122 36
Z. A. Jenkins, grain, lumber, hardware, &c.,	270 61
E. N. Ward, for meat,	133 53
Joshua Dean, for coal,	65 40
Thomas A. Beard, for labor,	120 00
Charles H. Waterman, hardware and labor,	5 42
Fisk, Coleman & Co., for well pipe,	16 50
William M. Judkins, brick for well,	8 50
Carver Cotton Gin Co., wheel for well,	2 20
E. S. Whitmarsh, for cap and shoes,	2 00
F. C. Nutter, for shoes,	2 25
Expense of C. Frank McGlathery, at Massachusetts General Hospital,	144 00
A. L. Shirley, M. D., for professional attendance,	29 16
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	\$1,489 36

Total number of inmates during the year,	10
Average number during the year,	7 1-2
Number of tramps lodged,	374
Number of inmates, Jan. 1, 1893,	8

INMATES JAN. 1, 1893.

	Age.	Admitted.
Sybil P. Dunbar,		1879
Rebecca Cummings,	79	July, 1884
Thomas Griggs,	69	February, 1886
John Kenney,	70	May 2, 1890
Philetta Washburn,	61	May 7, 1890
C. Frank McGlathery,	15	May 7, 1890
Benjamin P. Bouldry,	83	Oct. 20, 1891
George Osborne,		Aug. 6, 1892

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Received from sale of cream,	\$177 27
sale of butter,	6 72
sale of eggs,	6 59
sale of hay,	42 56
sale of cow,	25 00
sale of calf,	8 50
sale of fowl,	8 80
sale of cranberries,	3 50
service of bull,	12 50
team work,	73 50
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1892,	22 76
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	\$387 70

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Paid for labor, haying,	\$75 75
digging well,	49 00
ice,	45 00
butter,	38 82
blacksmith work,	32 10
bread,	27 29

Paid for exchange of ox,	\$20 00	
fish,	18 70	
clothing,	11 30	
cutting wood,	10 00	
soap,	9 89	
herrings,	4 15	
potatoes,	5 00	
newspaper,	6 00	
fruit,	3 53	
house furnishings,	2 40	
wall paper,	2 56	
painting and paper hanging,	2 65	
ox bow,	1 00	
plough point,	1 00	
asparagus,	75	
pickles,	50	
hulled corn,	64	
repairing shoes,	50	
dentist,	50	
sundries,	4 01	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1893,	14 66	
	<hr/>	\$387 70

OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid State Treasurer, support of N. S.	
Bouldry,	\$109 60
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	
support of Mrs. Flora E. Allen,	136 04
Mrs. Orace Washburn, for board-	
ing Clara Washburn,	32 50
Charles W. Hunt, for boarding	
Clara Washburn,	96 79
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support	
of Robert Washburn,	169 92

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Ellen F. Edson,		\$169 92
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of George E. Morey,		169 92
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Catherine Rogers,		169 92
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Lucy C. Brown,		6 68
City of Brockton, aid to Mrs. Annie Bunker and family,	\$216 83	
C. F. Porter, aid to Mrs. Annie Bunker and family,	8 75	
Geo. Holmes, aid to Mrs. Annie Bunker and family,	4 50	
	<hr/>	230 08
Town of Natick, aid to C. D. Hatch family,		144 00
Town of Halifax, aid to Alden Darling,	\$14 00	
Town of Acushnet, aid to Alden Darling,	9 15	
Geo. M. Keith, aid to Alden Dar- ling,	5 00	
A. G. Waterman, expense of re- moving Alden Darling from Acushnet to almshouse,	11 50	
	<hr/>	39 65
Mrs. Sarah J. Mowry, for support of Laura Washburn,		83 50
Amos Hunting, aid to Mrs. Chad- wick,	\$49 00	
A. L. Shirley, M. D., aid to Mrs. Chadwick,	5 50	
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A. L. Shirley, M. D., aid to H. G. Gardner,		52 35

A. L. Shirley, M. D., aid to Frank Alden,	\$45 63	
Joshua Dean, aid to Frank Alden,	9 75	
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		55 38
A. L. Shirley, M. D., aid to Geo. Osborne,		6 50
A. L. Shirley, M. D., aid to Nathaniel Perkins,		58 10
R. O. Harris, aid to Mrs. Ida Chenevert,		10 00
City of Boston, aid to Mary E. Negus,		18 00
City of Brockton, aid to Mary J. Gurney,		57 79
City of Brockton, aid to Geo. F. Hill,		4 00
City of Lynn, aid to Ann Conner,		7 00
A. G. Waterman, aid to John F. Snook,		6 00
A. G. Waterman, aid to Herbert F. Hutchinson,		8 99
A. G. Waterman, aid to Mrs. Ann Kane,		1 75
Town of Whitman, aid to Herbert L. Ramsdell,		9 50
Town of Hanson, aid to Eliza C. Worthington,		5 00
Aid to Mrs. Sophia Harlow,		144 00
T. S. H. Rounseville, care of 43 tramps,		12 90
Henry Gurney, wood for tramp house,		2 25
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Gross amount for outside poor,		\$2,072 53

Received of D. W. Brown, for support of Lucy C. Brown,	\$6 68	
of City of Brockton, for aid to Mrs. Sophia Harlow,	144 00	
of Town of Duxbury, for aid to H. G. Gardner,	52 35	
of Town of Abington, for aid to John F. Snook,	6 00	
of Town of Whitman for aid to Herbert F. Hutchinson,	8 99	
of Town of West Bridgewater, for aid to Mrs. Ann Kane,	1 75	
Due from Town of Bridgewater, for aid to Frank Alden,	55 38	
Charles E. Allen, for support of Flora E. Allen,	136 04	
Received from Town of Whitman, on account of military settle- ments,	19 58	
	<hr/>	\$430 77
Net expense for outside poor,		\$1,641 83
Net expense at almshouse,		1,489 36
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		\$3,131 19
Appropriation,		3,000 00
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Excess of appropriation,		\$131 19

TRAMP HOUSE.

In carrying out the vote of the town to build a tramp house, after consulting with taxpayers in different parts of the town, it was decided that it would be for the interest of the town to build a brick building, although the cost might exceed the

amount of the appropriation ; and in carrying out that decision, we have built a brick building, on land owned by the town in the rear of the hose house on Union street, at the following expense :

Paid Henry Gurney, for stone and labor for the foundation,	\$17 87
John M. Whiting, for material and labor,	183 43
S. L. Ryder, for labor and material,	97 94
Benjamin Siddall, for labor and material,	6 00
L. Ham & Co., for door,	12 00
O. C. Railroad, freight on door,	25
M. S. Curtis, for painting,	5 32
T. S. H. Rounseville, for stove,	3 50
Charles H. Waterman, for stovepipe and labor,	4 68
A. G. Waterman, utensils for house,	4 21
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	\$335 20
Excess of appropriation,	85 20
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	\$250 00

GEO. M. KEITH,
HENRY GURNEY,
A. G. WATERMAN,

Overseers of the Poor.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Value of real estate taxed,		\$1,154,784 00
“ “ personal estate taxed,		334,205 00
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		\$1,488,989 00
Town grant,	\$21,775 00	
State tax,	1,260 00	
County tax,	2,105 26	
Overlay,	247 27	
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		\$25,387 53
Deduct estimate from State,		2,500 00
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		\$22,887 53
Rate of taxation, \$14.20 per \$1,000.		
State tax on poll, \$1,	} \$2 each.	
County tax on poll, \$1,		
Tax on real estate,		\$16,397 93
Tax on personal estate,		4,745 71
Tax on 872 polls,		1,744 00
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		\$22,887 64
Loss on fractions,		11
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		\$22,887 53
Subsequently assessed on real estate,		14 20
“ “ on 12 polls,		24 00
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Total commitment,		\$22,925 73

Number of houses taxed,	622
“ “ acres of land taxed,	9,816
“ “ horses taxed,	459
“ “ cows taxed,	422
“ “ swine taxed,	69
“ “ fowls taxed,	1,837
“ “ neat cattle other than	
“ “ cows taxed,	81

GEO. M. KEITH,
HENRY GURNEY,
A. G. WATERMAN,

Assessors.

SUMMARY.

AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN.

Abatement of taxes,	\$155 50
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Fire department,	375 00
Hydrant rental,	1,050 00
Incidental expenses,	828 18
Military aid,	96 00
Public library,	500 00
Police duty and suppression of crime,	105 40
Road commissioners,	5,282 39
Support of poor at almshouse,	1,489 36
Support of outside poor,	2,072 53
State aid,	605 00
Soldiers' aid,	32 00
Town officers and committees,	1,153 48
Tramp house,	335 20
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	\$14,180 04

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board organized on March 19th, by the choice of Dr. Allen L. Shirley as chairman and R. O. Harris as secretary.

There were several cases of scarlet fever in town which were reported to us. In all cases visits were made and patients caused to be isolated during illness, and upon recovery the premises were fumigated and disinfected. In two of the cases we were obliged to require the head of the family to remain away from his work, and at home, for a period of two weeks, believing that there was danger of spreading the disease by allowing them to go from their homes to mingle with their fellow-workmen. In both of these cases our action undoubtedly was a source of hardship to the men, for they rely for the support of their families upon their daily earnings. Chapter 80, section 40, of the Public Statutes provides that in cases of sickness from epidemic diseases, "the board shall make effectual provision, in the manner which it judges best, *for the safety of the inhabitants*, by removing such person to a separate house or otherwise, and by *providing nurses and other assistance* and necessities, which shall be at the charge of the person himself, his parent, or master, if able, otherwise at the charge of the town to which he belongs," etc.

Under this provision we thought we had power to render these men assistance, because while not paupers, or in any way subject to any action of the town under the poor-laws, we deemed them persons not able to bear the expense of nurses and other things necessary to be furnished at such times and in such emergencies, in addition to the loss of earnings. We therefore, undertook to render them some assistance, and to

compensate them for their loss of time, considering that their earnings were lost by reason of an imperative order from town authority, given for the benefit of the people of the town. We had them make out bills for their time lost, thinking that that amount would put them in the same position that any citizen would be in who had the misfortune to have sickness in his family, and would be reasonable. The bills were for \$16.20 and \$31.50 respectively. These bills the selectmen declined to pay unless the men would make application for aid under the poor-laws. As the men were not paupers, and did not care to put themselves in the category of those receiving town aid, they declined to ask anything, and have made no other application.

The Board of Health were, perhaps, technically at fault in having these bills made out as for time lost, instead of as for "nursing and attendance," and treated the expression "other assistance" in the statute too broadly. We believed, however, and still believe, that the powers of boards of health are based upon the idea of the general good and safety of the people of the town at large, and not on the fact that individuals may from time to time be in distress. Boards of Health are not Overseers of the Poor, bound to give relief to individuals when it is needed, from whatever cause the distress arises, but are boards with powers relating solely to the safety and good of the community at large.

In cases of epidemics their powers are more nearly analagous to those of fire-engineers than to Overseers of the Poor. In cases of conflagrations, fire-engineers may demolish buildings in order to arrest or prevent the spreading of fire, and the owners of the buildings demolished may recover reasonable compensation of the town for the buildings demolished, the idea being that the community shall contribute to the expense of preventing a general disaster, and not have the property of one taken for the benefit of all without some compensation. One who

demanded compensation for the destruction of his house would not be called a pauper, or be told that he must apply for relief under the poor-laws. We took the men's time for the general benefit, and made them stay at home and take care of their families, not because the men were sick, or in need of relief, but in order to prevent the spreading of contagion in the community. We do not, and did not, consider them paupers because they could not bear the loss of their earning time, any more than we should consider that man a pauper who could not bear the loss of the destruction of his house.

We call the matter to the attention of the town in this manner because we have had epidemics in the past, and probably shall have them in the future, and think that the town should have some understanding as to the course future boards of health shall pursue, in order that the boards may not find their hands tied in emergency, and find themselves unable to cope with disease, because every man to whose family the misfortune of contagion may come is made to feel that, in order to receive attention from the authorities, he must first admit himself to be a pauper. If we are to adopt as our policy the declaration that "the safety of the community" means no more than "the relief of the poor," it will be well to have it understood; if not, it will be well to have that understood also. A number of other cases than those referred to above were called to our attention, and isolation of the patient, placarding of the house, and fumigation were insisted upon in all instances. We have also made examination of a number of places concerning which informal complaints had been made, and in two instances have required the owners of the property to make changes and repairs in vaults and cess-pools. We also acted upon a petition for the draining of that section of the village between the post-office block and the railroad station. We think that the section should be drained, as at certain seasons the water stands over quite a large area.

As the petition was received in the fall, and as the proper draining of the territory requires some considerable expenditure, and some engineering skill, and as we had no appropriation available for such purpose, we thought it best to defer action, and bring the matter before the town for its consideration. The territory can be drained at a small expense, but the work will not be permanent, or even lasting.

In conclusion, we would say that no one of the members of the Board accepted his election because he felt he was best fitted for the place, or because he desired it, but because the matter of having a Board of Health came up at the close of the March meeting, and when there was not time to give the matter of filling it sufficient attention, and so, sooner than have the matter go by default, we accepted, hoping to draw the attention of the town to the desirability of having such a board. We had no appropriation at our command, and did not do many things that it would be well to have done.

This year is very likely to bring us more or less of epidemic diseases, and we think the town should make preparations to cope with them.

The time for preparation is in the spring and early summer, when the Selectmen are engaged in other departments of duty.

We therefore recommend that the town have a separate Board of Health this year, and give it an appropriation with which to work.

The appropriation need not be a large one.

A. L. SHIRLEY,
ROBERT O. HARRIS,
GRANVILLE C. ALLEN.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHOSEN BY THE TOWN TO REPRESENT ITS INTERESTS UPON THE PETITION OF THE OLD COLONY RAILROAD COMPANY, FOR "ALTERATIONS IN GRADE CROSSINGS AT BEDFORD AND WATER STREETS."

The committee, after examining the matter, voted to employ Hon. B. W. Harris as counsel for the town. Upon the hearing, at East Bridgewater, Sept. 19, 1892, the commission decided that they could act on no other plan, except that presented in the petition, which embraced a new location for a portion of Bedford Street, which was to leave the present location near the south end of C. W. Siddall's shop, and going under the railroad at a right angle and curving to the right, reaches Bedford Street again some 1200 feet north; but they were willing to dismiss this petition, provided the town could show a more feasible plan. The hearings were adjourned from time to time to enable the committee to get plans and estimates, with experts to testify, which were presented at the hearing at Boston, Nov. 12.

The estimated expense of a roadway under the present crossing, by the Berlin Iron Bridge Co., was about \$27,000, and about \$32,000 by the Railroad Co., while a twenty-five foot bridge upon the proposed new location, with a roadway of the same width, could be constructed for about \$9,000.

The commission have decided upon the new location, and have ordered a bridge thirty-five feet in width, with a roadway of the same width, from Bedford Street, under the bridge and around the curve, and from there northerly to Bedford Street, to be thirty feet in width, to be macadamized in a thorough

and substantial manner its entire length, except that portion of the roadway under the railroad bridge, which shall be paved with Belgian block paving, with gutters paved for a distance of some 100 feet, with a sidewalk of gravel five feet wide, upon the westerly side the entire length of the new location.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL KEITH, HENRY GURNEY, GEORGE M. KEITH,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Town Treasurer,*

In account with the TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1892. DR.

Feb.	11.	Balance as per previous report,	\$1,793 95
	22.	David W. Brown, board of Lucy C. Brown,	6 68
March	14.	State Street Safe Deposit and Trust Co., borrowed of	5,000 00
	21.	School committee for supplies sold,	61
	25.	Frank Smith, for license of sixth class,	1 00
	14.	State treasurer, account corporation tax,	100 38
May	16.	State Street Safe Deposit and Trust Co., borrowed of,	3,000 00
	28.	State treasurer, burial of state paupers,	15 00
June	20.	State Street Safe Deposit and Trust Co., borrowed of,	3,000 00
Aug.	1.	Frank Smith, collector, on account tax of 1891,	74 69
	1.	Frank Smith, town clerk, amount received for pool table licenses,	4 00
	15.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of,	1,000 00
Sept.	28.	James H. Fullerton, peddler's license,	8 00

Oct.	1.	Geo. M. Keith and Amos Hunting, trustees under will of Willard Johnson, being legacy under said will for benefit of public library.	\$1,500 00
Nov.	11.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of,	2,000 00
	30.	Clerk of Brockton police court, fines collected,	10 00
Dec.	10.	State treasurer, corporation tax,	1,954 31
	10.	State treasurer, national bank tax,	835 22
	10.	State treasurer, military aid,	183 00
	10.	State treasurer, state aid,	531 00
	10.	State treasurer, burial of indigent soldiers,	33 50
	26.	Town of Duxbury, aid to H. G. Gardner and family,	54 60
1893.			
Jan.	2.	Town of Abington, aid to John F. Snook,	6 00
	4.	Town of Whitman, aid to H. F. Hutchinson,	8 99
	13.	City of Brockton, aid to Sophie Harlow.	144 00
	16.	Town of West Bridgewater, aid to Ann Kane,	1 75
	2.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, act. income monument fund,	4 00
	21.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, income of Johnson fund,	12 50
	24.	County treasurer, dividend on dog tax,	465 44
	25.	State treasurer, income of Mass. school fund,	268 31
	31.	Town of Whitman, act. military settlements,	19 58

Feb.	2.	Frank Smith, collector, bal. of tax of 1890,	\$31 21
	2.	Frank Smith, collector, ac. tax of 1891,	8 22
	4.	Frank Smith, collector, ac. tax of 1892,	22,897 97
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			\$44,973 91

1892.

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Feb.	6.	Jas. H. Hurley, court fees,	\$6 40
March	15.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, balance on note,	1,000 00
	15.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest,	14 86
April	1.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, interest,	78 75
	1.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, on note,	500 00
	25.	State treasurer, acct. license fee,	25
May	4.	Benj. Siddall, court fees,	4 70
June	8.	Benj. Siddall, court fees,	9 20
August	4.	Benj. Siddall, court fees,	12 30
Sept.	1.	Benj. Siddall, court fees,	7 90
Sept.	28.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, interest,	67 50
Oct.	1.	State Street Safe Deposit and Trust Co., note,	5,000 00
	1.	State Street Safe Deposit and Trust Co., note,	3,000 00
	1.	State Street Safe Deposit and Trust Co., interest,	148 82
	1.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, deposited with, being part of amount received from trustees under will of Willard Johnson, for benefit of Public Library,	1,000 00

Oct.	1.	Fall River Savings Bank, deposited with, being balance of amount received from trustees under will of Willard Johnson, for benefit of Public Library,	\$500 00
	4.	Benj. Siddall, court fees,	5 60
	15.	State Street Safe Deposit and Trust Co., note,	3,000 00
	15.	State Street Safe Deposit and Trust Co., interest,	33 54
Nov.	12.	Treasurer of Plymouth county, county tax,	\$2,105 26
Dec.	1.	Benj. Siddall, court fees,	13 15
	10.	State treasurer, state tax,	1,260 00
	17.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note,	2,000 00
	17.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest,	10 00
1893.			
Jan.	11.	Benjamin Siddall, court fees,	24 30
	20.	M. S. Curtis, painting fence around monument,	4 00
	21.	Trustees of public library, income Johnson fund,	12 50
	28.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note,	1,000 00
	28.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest,	22 63
		Orders drawn by school committee,	8,724 49
		Orders drawn by selectmen,	14,180 04
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			\$43,746 19
		Cash on hand,	1,227 72
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			\$44,973 91

I. N. NUTTER,

Town Treasurer.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 4, 1893.

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

Paid East Bridgewater Co., as per vote of town,	\$50 00
Elmwood Co., as per vote of town,	50 00
Services at two fires of 15 men,	7 50
L. Seaver, for closet,	11 00
W. E. Bonney, building stairs,	16 75
J. Burrill, printing,	7 50
C. Murray, labor,	1 50
C. Waterman, watching fire July 4, '91,	1 00
McShane Co., hangings for bell,	25 00
Freight on same,	1 25
Boston Woven Hose Co., repairs on hose,	116 00
Janitors service,	54 75
Express,	3 85
M. S. Curtis, labor and stock,	7 00
W. K. Churchill, oil, chimneys, &c.,	9 90
Chas. H. Waterman, labor and stock,	1 74
A. G. Waterman, oil, &c.,	3 00
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	\$367 74
Balance, cash on hand,	32 26
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Appropriation,	\$400 00

MINOT S. CURTIS, *Chief*,
 JOSHUA DEAN,
 C. F. CLARK,
 IRVING HORTON,
 W. K. CHURCHILL, *Clerk*.

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

FRANK SMITH, *Collector*,

In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

To amount of taxes of 1890 uncollected,	\$31 21
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CR.

By amount collected,	\$4 43	
By amount abatements received,	26 78	
	<u> </u>	\$31 21

This amount has been paid to the Treasurer.

1891.

DR.

To amount uncollected,	\$138 96
To amount interest collected,	1 71
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	\$140 67

CR.

By amount paid Treasurer,	\$82 91	
By amount uncollected,	57 76	
	<u> </u>	\$140 67

With the exception of a tax of \$9 36 against the insolvent estate of Albert G. Forsman, the amount remaining uncollected is for taxes assessed upon lots sold by the Hanson Land Co.

1892.

DR.

To amount committed,	\$22,925 73
To amount of interest collected,	94 09
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	\$23,019 82

CR.

By amount paid treasurer,	\$22,897 97.
By amount uncollected,	121 85
	<hr/> \$23,019 82

Of the amount of taxes uncollected for the year 1892, \$53.55
is for taxes assessed upon Hanson Land Co. lots.

FRANK SMITH,
Collector.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 4, 1893.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

Paid the following persons for labor and material on highways, bridges, culverts and sidewalks :—

Geo. E. Alden,	\$92 74
Patrick Barrett,	219 51
Thomas O'Brien,	260 18
F. A. Brown,	11 00
Charles E. Brown,	38 50
Thomas H. Bouldry,	3 50
W. L. Benson,	70 00
J. Burrell,	1 80
J. H. Broughton,	16 28
A. W. Blanchard,	12 00
Isaac Bryant,	7 00
J. E. Bryant,	1 75
Swithin Bros.,	47 82
Waldo Bros.,	51 63
Geo. L. Chamberlain,	320 00
Dennis Curran,	356 02
Bartley Curran,	49 20
M. S. Curtis,	8 37
Walter Crocker,	1 00
Patrick Crowley,	1 50
Carver Cotton Gin Co.,	1 05
J. E. Devenport,	3 00
John S. Eastman,	43 50
B. F. Edson,	16 75
D. F. Edson,	6 99
Herbert Edson,	5 81

Paid A. B. Edson,	\$7 00
E. T. Ellis & Son,	12 87
Patrick Foley,	98 53
Levi P. Giddings,	16 00
D. W. Gurney,	91 62
J. C. Gilbert,	64
George B. Howland,	1 00
Michael Hennessey,	137 96
Francis Hayward,	12 96
Luther Harden,	13 13
Hosey Hathaway,	9 50
Noah T. Harding,	8 75
Z. A. Jenkins,	219 40
H. C. Keith,	195 34
Freedom Keith,	174 25
Samuel Keith,	214 40
Naham Keith,	6 13
Thomas Keith,	2 00
E. F. Keith,	500 00
A. S. Lyons,	20 59
W. F. Leonard,	4 37
Elieb Latham,	118 75
A. H. Latham,	74 07
E. Leclair,	8 75
Patrick Luddy,	116 84
W. H. Leary,	18 37
C. G. Littlefield,	9 12
Patrick Murphy,	26 25
Con. Murray,	20 22
Timothy Murphy,	192 10
Charles McGrath,	1 05
Samuel R. McKenzie,	18 80
E. W. Madan,	1 89
Estate of E. W. Noyes,	17 60

Frank Pratt,	129 23
Joseph Petit,	17 50
Joseph Pelham,	14 00
David H. Pratt,	6 45
Ames Plow Co.,	20 62
James Roach,	386 20
John T. Reed,	3 50
Elgin Robin,	54 25
Old Colony Railroad,	31 64
Roger & Sheldon,	6 00
G. D. Stedman,	12 00
S. D. Shaw,	1 25
J. A. Shaw,	9 49
Ira A. Summer,	8 75
H. W. Sears,	40 25
Estate of H. W. White,	28 92
Benjamin Ward,	9 53
N. A. and W. W. Washburn,	2 50
A. G. Waterman,	2 50
Patrick Welsh,	344 69
J. H. Worthen,	64 09
W. L. White,	31 49
C. H. Waterman,	7 65
O. Washburn,	4 26
Galen Willis,	85 84
Michael Winn,	10 75
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	\$4,861 24
There has been expended on highways,	\$3,580 70

EXPENDED ON BRIDGES.

Planking Spring street bridge :	
Paid for lumber and nails,	\$48 30
labor,	11 75
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	\$60 05

Planking bridge on Pleasant street :		
Paid for lumber and nails,	\$43 05	
labor,	11 50	
Repairing railing :		
Paid for lumber,	3 48	
labor,	3 00	
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Planking bridge on Bedford street :		
Paid for lumber and nails,	\$50 76	
team work,	7 00	
labor,	15 58	
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Planking Clark's bridge :		
Paid for lumber and nails,	\$19 75	
labor,	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$26 75
Repairing bridge on Union street :		
Paid for lumber and labor,	\$1 75	
repairing railing, lumber,	7 13	
labor,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$12 88
Paid for building culverts on Central street :		
team work and labor,	\$30 88	
stone,	2 50	
lumber for railing,	4 38	
labor on railing,	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$40 01
Paid for culvert on Union street,	\$5 00	
" " West street,	4 00	
" " Highland street,	2 00	
" " Harvard street,	7 50	
" " Union street,	2 00	
" " Union street	5 75	
	<hr/>	\$26 25

Paid for culvert on Pleasant street :

drain pipe,	\$26 22	
grate,	1 66	
labor,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$37 88

Paid for culvert on Bedford street on
Elmwood Hill :

drain-pipe,	\$51 63	
freight,	9 24	
team work,	10 25	
labor,	23 25	
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Paid for railing on Bedford street, Elm-
wood bridge :

lumber,	\$31 67	
labor,	25 50	
	<hr/>	\$57 17

Expended on sidewalks on Bedford street,	\$91 75
“ “ “ “ “ “	36 60
“ “ “ “ Central “	34 25
“ “ “ “ “ “	11 00
“ “ “ “ Union “	114 10
“ “ “ “ “ “	6 13
“ “ “ “ “ “	7 50
“ “ “ “ “ “	6 00
“ “ “ “ Summer “	10 00
“ “ “ “ Pleasant “	138 05
“ “ “ “ Whitman “	15 00

Expended on street crossings, Central
and Union streets :

Paid for stone,	\$47 82
freight,	22 40
carting stone and sand,	14 50

Paid for gravel,	65	
labor,	35 70	
	<hr/>	\$121.07

Paid for building new road from Union
to Cross streets :

Patrick Foley, for land damage,	\$75 00	
for laying out road,	6 00	
for stock and labor, building road,	118 36	
	<hr/>	\$199 36

Paid the following persons for removing snow from streets
and sidewalks :

John Adam,	\$3 40
A. W. Blanchard,	4 00
J. E. Bisbee,	5 60
Michael Burk,	75
C. E. Brown,	2 80
W. L. Benson,	28 10
R. V. Bouldry,	2 00
A. E. Bouldry,	1 00
Thomas H. Bouldry,	2 00
B. T. Beals,	1 80
John Burgess,	12 10
Thomas O'Brien,	11 50
Patrick Barrett,	10 20
John Beard,	3 60
Geo. L. Chamberlain,	18 00
Bartley Curran,	2 60
Patrick Carrell,	2 60
W. H. Chase,	1 20
Dennis Curran,	4 40
J. Cunningham,	11 80
E. L. Clark,	5 10
Geo. Adam,	1 60

Paid A. Dwyer,	\$1 80
J. W. Dill,	50
John S. Eastman,	12 75
D. F. Edson,	1 00
Patrick Foley,	4 60
James Fitzgerald,	1 80
L. P. Giddings,	4 00
William Green,	1 80
W. T. Green,	1 10
G. Hackett,	1 60
William Gaffney,	1 80
G. B. Howland,	1 80
S. T. Howland,	1 50
W. B. Hathaway,	3 40
R. Harden,	1 75
H. Hathaway,	9 00
Luther Harden,	12 00
J. P. Hill,	60
I. T. Hatch,	6 00
Samuel J. Hoit,	3 50
Mike Hennessey,	3 60
Francis Hayward,	9 20
T. Hobart,	2 40
N. Johnson,	3 60
J. D. Jones,	2 00
Samuel Keith,	13 30
H. C. Keith,	14 80
W. Leonard,	90
E. Latham,	3 60
A. H. Latham,	4 20
Patrick Luddy,	8 40
W. H. Leary,	4 40
A. G. Morrison,	1 80
E. W. Madan,	5 20

Paid S. R. McKenzie,	\$15 85
R. J. Morse,	2 00
T. Murphy,	3 10
R. J. Moore,	1 00
C. W. Pratt,	1 00
D. H. Pratt,	1 00
Frank Pratt,	3 80
James Roach,	41 25
R. Richards,	2 00
J. P. Reed,	3 40
C. B. Simes,	60
James Shaw,	60
O. M. Sharp,	1 20
I. H. Summer,	1 80
C. E. Orsborne,	1 00
D. W. Thrasher,	5 40
J. M. Turner,	1 70
A. H. Trott,	1 80
M. Wilder,	3 40
Benjamin Ward,	2 00
Galen Willis,	2 60
P. Washburn,	5 00
C. W. Wixson,	1 60
C. S. Whitman,	1 40
O. Washburn,	2 80
I. F. Wade,	1 40
Patrick Welsh,	9 70
C. L. Vosmus,	1 60

Paid making three snow plows :

E. F. Keith,	\$7 00
F. A. Quimby,	10 75
Samuel Keith,	2 37

Paid Con Murray,	\$15 00	
Z. A. Jenkins,	4 23	
	<hr/>	39 35
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		\$445 20

EXPENDED.

Repairing highways,	\$3,580 70	
Repairing bridges and culverts,	489 73	
Repairing sidewalks,	218 23	
New sidewalks,	252 15	
New street crossings,	121 07	
New roads,	199 36	
Clearing streets and sidewalks of snow,	445 20	
	<hr/>	\$5,306 44

APPROPRIATIONS.

For Repairing highways,	\$3,500 00	
Bridges and culverts,	500 00	
Sidewalks and street crossings,	600 00	
New roads,	175 00	
Clearing streets and sidewalks of snow,	500 00	
Cash in our hands, Jan 1, 1892,	24 05	
	<hr/>	\$5,299 05
Excess of appropriation,	7 39	
	<hr/>	\$5,306 44
Received of selectmen, orders to the amount of	\$5,282 39	
Cash on hand,	24 05	
	<hr/>	\$5,306 44

The arch bridge the town voted to build on Bedford street has not been built. We were unable to get any one to bid on the work, on account of the labor trouble with the stone cutters, and could not get stone.

SAMUEL KEITH,
GEO. L. CHAMBERLAIN,
HERBERT C. KEITH,

Road Commissioners.

DIRECTORS OF THE OLD COLONY RAILROAD COMPANY, PETITIONERS FOR ALTERATIONS IN GRADE CROSSINGS ON BEDFORD STREET AND WATER STREET, SO CALLED, IN THE TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF PLYMOUTH.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

PLYMOUTH, ss.

No.....IN EQUITY.

SUPERIOR COURT, NOV. 12, A. D. 1892.

FINDING OF COMMISSION.

Whereas, In the above matter, at the Superior Court, holden for said county, on the twenty-second day of June, A. D. 1892, we, George W. Wiggin, Augustus P. Martin and Charles A. Allen, were appointed a Commission under the provisions of Chapter 428 of the Acts of 1890, of this Commonwealth, to act upon said petition, and

Whereas, Due notice of public hearings before us on the subject matter of said petition was given, and such hearings were held at the East Bridgewater station of said Old Colony Railroad, in said East Bridgewater, on the nineteenth day of September, A. D. 1892, and the said hearings were continued from time to time, the last being held on the twelfth day of November, A. D. 1892; J. H. Benton, Jr., Esq., and Charles P. Choate, Jr., Esq., appeared for the petitioners; Hon. Benjamin W. Harris for said Town of East Bridgewater, and Charles N. Harris, Esq., Second Assistant Attorney-General, for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A view of said crossings was taken with the parties appearing in the case.

Now, having duly considered all the evidence and arguments submitted to us in this matter, we decide as follows :

First. We decide that alterations in the crossings of said Bedford Street and Water Street, by said Old Colony Railroad, both in said Town of East Bridgewater, are necessary for the security and convenience of the public.

Second. We hereby prescribe the manner and limits within which said alterations shall be made as follows :

MANNER.

As a substitute for the aforesaid crossings, new ways are located and shall be built as is hereinafter described.

BEDFORD STREET.

The new location of Bedford Street, so called, begins at a point in the westerly line of Bedford Street, distant two hundred and eighty-seven (287) feet southerly, measured along said line, from the base line of location of the Old Colony Railroad ; thence southerly, along said westerly line of Bedford Street, one hundred and nine (109) feet, more or less, to a stone bound ; thence north, twenty-five degrees (25) west, by land now or formerly of Charles W. Siddall, one hundred and ten (110) feet, more or less, to a stone bound in the easterly side line of location of the Old Colony Railroad ; thence north, forty-nine (49) degrees west, by land of the Old Colony Railroad, forty-nine and one-half (49.5) feet to a stone bound in the westerly side line of location of said Old Colony Railroad ; thence northeasterly, by land of said Old Colony Railroad and land of Charles W. Siddall, in said westerly side line of location of said Old Colony Railroad, ten (10) feet to a stone bound ; thence northerly, by land of said Charles W. Siddall, by a curve to the right of a radius of one hundred and thirty-seven (137) feet, two hundred and four (204) feet, more or less, to

a stone bound; thence north, thirty-five (35) degrees east, by land last mentioned, six hundred and fifteen (615) feet, more or less, to a stone bound in the northwesterly line of Water Street; thence north, thirty-five (35) degrees east, across said Water Street fifty-three (53) feet, more or less, to a stone bound in the southeasterly line of said Water Street; thence north, thirty-five (35) degrees east, by land of Andrew Sturtevant, two hundred and thirty (230) feet, more or less, to a stone bound in the westerly line of Bedford Street; thence southerly, in said line of Bedford Street, two hundred and thirty (230) feet, more or less, to a stone bound; thence south, thirty-five (35) degrees west, by land of Andrew Sturtevant, seventy-three (73) feet, more or less, to a stone bound in the southeasterly line of Water Street; thence south, thirty-five (35) degrees west, across said Water Street fifty-three (53) feet, more or less, to a stone bound in the northwesterly line of said Water Street; thence south, thirty-five (35) degrees west, by land of Charles W. Siddall, five hundred and forty-eight (548) feet, more or less, to a stone bound; thence southerly, by said land last mentioned, by a curve to the left of a radius of eighty-two (82) feet, one hundred and twenty-two (122) feet, more or less, to a stone bound in the westerly line of location of the Old Colony Railroad; thence south, forty-nine (49) degrees east, by land of said Old Colony Railroad, forty-nine and one-half (49.5) feet, to a stone bound in the easterly line of location of said Old Colony Railroad; thence southwesterly, in said easterly line of location, ten (10) feet, to a stone bound; thence south, forty-nine (49) degrees east, by land of Charles W. Siddall, sixty-six (66) feet, more or less, to a stone bound at the point of beginning.

WATER STREET.

The new location of Water Street begins at a stone bound in the easterly line of Bedford Street, distant four hundred and

forty-two (442) feet southerly, measured along said line, from the base line of location of the Old Colony Railroad; thence south, eighty-nine (89) degrees and thirty (30) minutes east, by land of Charles W. Siddall, three hundred and twenty-eight (328) feet, more or less, to a stone bound in the westerly line of Water Street; thence southerly, in said last mentioned line, fifty-four (54) feet, more or less, to a stone bound; thence north, eighty-nine (89) degrees and thirty minutes west, by land of Charles W. Siddall, three hundred and sixty-eight (368) feet, more or less, to a stone bound in the easterly line of Bedford Street; thence northerly, by said last mentioned line and fifty-six (56) feet, more or less, to a stone bound at the point of beginning.

GRADES.

The grades of the proposed new location of Bedford Street are as follows:

Beginning at station two plus sixty ($2+60$), marked "A" on plan, at elevation of eighty-eight and thirty-eight one hundredths (88.38); thence by a descending grade of one and three-tenths (1.3) feet per one hundred (100), two hundred and forty-four (244) feet to elevation eighty-five (85); thence by a level, forty-one (41) feet to elevation eighty-five (85); thence by an ascending grade of four (4) feet per hundred (100), four hundred and eighteen (418) feet to elevation one hundred and one and eight-tenths (101.8); thence by a level, two hundred and fifty-seven (257) feet to elevation one hundred and one and eight-tenths (101.8); thence by an ascending grade of two (2) feet per hundred (100), four hundred (400) feet, to elevation one hundred and nine and eight-tenths (109.8).

The grades of the proposed new location of Water Street are as follows:

Beginning at station one plus eighteen ($1+18$), marked "B"

on plan, at elevation eighty-nine and thirty-four one hundredths (89.34) ; thence by a level, three hundred (300) feet to elevation eighty-nine and thirty-four one hundredths (89.34) ; thence by an ascending grade of two (2) feet per one hundred (100), one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet to elevation ninety-one and eighty-four one hundredths (91.84).

Said ways are to be laid out within the lines described, and are to pass under the railroad at one and the same point ; and the railroad is to pass over the said ways by a bridge with a clear height of not less than thirteen (13) feet between the grade of the way and the under side of the bridge.

Said new ways are in substitution for those portions of Bedford and Water Streets hereinafter specified to be discontinued.

We decide and specify that that portion of Bedford Street and Water Street which lies within the location of the Old Colony Railroad shall be discontinued.

We specify the general manner of construction as follows :

The new location of Water Street shall be graded to a width of twenty-five (25) feet at the grade line of the street, and shall be finished with a dressing of gravel of eight (8) inches in depth.

It shall have a crown in the centre of eight (8) inches, and shall be provided with suitable railing wherever the grade of the street is two (2) feet or more above the adjacent land.

A 12-inch vitrified pipe culvert shall be provided. It shall be placed at a grade sufficiently low so that the water level of the pond will be maintained upon each side of the road, and shall be located at the point indicated upon the plan.

Bedford Street shall be graded as follows :

Beginning at the southerly line of the Old Colony Railroad location, the street shall be graded 35 feet wide. Between this point and the present location of Bedford Street, the line followed by the grading on the northerly side of the proposed layout shall be a continuation of the face line of the northerly

abutment, extended southeasterly until it intersects with the westerly line of Bedford Street.

The line of grading upon the southerly line of the proposed way, between the location of the Old Colony Railroad and Bedford Street, shall extend from the line of the face of the south abutment to Bedford Street by a curved line, so that at this point the street will be graded to a width of 75 feet, measured on the westerly line of Bedford Street.

From this point southwesterly, to station two plus sixty ($2 \frac{1}{2} 60$), as shown upon the plan, the width or grading shall gradually decrease until it is reduced to the present width of the roadway in Bedford Street at the bridge over the pond.

Upon the northerly side of the location of the Old Colony Railroad, the proposed new way shall be graded as follows:

Beginning at the northwesterly line of the location of said railroad, at a width of 35 feet, the width of grading shall be gradually reduced until it is 30 feet wide at station 2, as shown upon the plan.

From station 2 to station 10, the street shall be graded to a width of thirty (30) feet.

Within the location of the Old Colony Railroad, the way shall have a clear width of thirty-five (35) feet.

A sidewalk of gravel five (5) feet in width shall be provided upon the northerly and westerly side of the proposed way.

The roadway of the way shall be macadamized in a thorough and substantial manner its entire length and width, except that portion of the roadway under the railroad bridge, which shall be paved with Belgian block paving.

A gutter of cobble stone four (4) feet in width shall be laid upon each side of the way between station zero (0) and station four plus forty-two ($4 \frac{1}{2} 42$). The paved gutters shall be extended southeasterly through the bridge, and shall be laid from thence in a southerly direction to the pond, as shown upon the

plan, for the purpose of providing proper drainage under the bridge.

The gutter crossing the roadway, and provided to connect the gutter upon the northerly side of the way with that upon its southerly side, shall be laid with block paving and shall be made as wide and as shallow as possible, in order that travel upon the way may not be inconvenienced. The space between this gutter and the bridge shall be paved with block paving, and the roadway upon its southeasterly side shall be shaped to conform to it.

At the point where the gutter passes under the sidewalk, a 12-inch vitrified pipe shall be used. The end of the pipe nearest the roadway to be set in rubble masonry laid in cement, the face of which shall be upon a line with the outside line of the sidewalk.

The Bridge shall be of iron or steel, designed to carry at least five thousand (5,000) pounds per lineal foot of track, with a factor of safety of five (5).

The abutments shall be placed thirty-five (35) feet apart. They shall be constructed of well bonded rubble masonry of the first class, laid in cement mortar, and shall be provided with suitable wing walls to support the slopes of the railroad embankment.

They shall be of the general dimensions shown upon the plans filed with this decree.

A 12-inch vitrified pipe culvert is to be laid at about station five plus fifty (5+50) as shown upon the plan.

A suitable railing of wood shall be provided upon the embankment wherever the grade of the way is two (2) feet or more above the level of the adjacent land.

Wherever it is necessary for the slopes of the embankment or the excavation to extend outside of the location above described, the land covered by said slopes is to be taken for the purpose of maintaining them, and for no other purpose.

We file herewith as a part of our decision, the plan herein referred to as showing the alterations herein decided upon.

LIMITS.

The alterations herein ordered at said crossings shall be made partly within the limits of said ways, as heretofore laid out, and partly within the limits of the following described parcels of land, which are hereby taken for highway purposes.

Said parcels of land are necessary for the execution of said alterations, and are bounded and described as follows :

A parcel of land, now or formerly of Charles W. Siddall, beginning at a point in the westerly line of Bedford Street, distant two hundred and eighty-seven (287) feet southerly, measured along said line from the base line of location of the Old Colony Railroad ; thence southerly, in said westerly line of Bedford Street, one hundred and nine (109) feet, more or less, to a stone bound ; thence north, twenty-five (25) degrees west, one hundred and ten (110) feet, more or less, to a stone bound in the easterly line of location of the Old Colony Railroad : thence northerly, in said easterly line of location, fifty-five (55) feet, more or less, to a stone bound ; thence south, forty-nine (49) degrees east, sixty-six (66) feet, more or less, to a stone bound at point of beginning, containing thirteen one hundredths (.13) acres, more or less.

Also another parcel of land, belonging to the Old Colony Railroad Company, beginning at a point in line of land now or formerly of Charles W. Siddall, at its intersection with the southerly side line of the proposed new location of Bedford Street ; thence north, forty-nine (49) degrees west, forty-nine and one-half (49.5) feet to a stone bound in the westerly side line of location of said Old Colony Railroad ; thence north-easterly, by said westerly side line of location of said Old Colony Railroad, sixty-five (65) feet to a stone bound ; thence south, forty-nine (49) degrees east, forty-nine and one-half

(49.5) feet to a stone bound in the easterly side line of location of said Old Colony Railroad; thence southwesterly, by said easterly side line of location of said Old Colony Railroad, sixty-five (65) feet to a stone bound at the point of beginning, containing seven hundredths (.07) acres, more or less.

Also another parcel of land, now or formerly of Charles W. Siddall, beginning at a point in line of land belonging to the Old Colony Railroad Company, at its intersection with the southerly side line of the proposed new location of Bedford Street; thence northerly, by land of said Charles W. Siddall, by a curve to the right of a radius of one hundred and thirty-seven (137) feet, two hundred and four (204) feet, more or less, to a stone bound; thence north, thirty-five (35) degrees east, by land last mentioned, six hundred and fifteen (615) feet, more or less, to a stone bound in the northwesterly line of Water Street; thence southwesterly, by said northwesterly line of said Water Street, eighty-seven (87) feet, more or less, to a stone bound; thence south, thirty-five (35) degrees west, by land of said Charles W. Siddall, five hundred and forty-eight (548) feet, more or less, to a stone bound; thence southerly, by land last mentioned, by curve to the left of a radius of eighty-two (82) feet, one hundred and twenty-two (122) feet, more or less, to a stone bound in the westerly side line of location of the Old Colony Railroad; thence southerly, by said line of location, fifty-five (55) feet, to a stone bound at the point of beginning, containing ninety-four hundredths (.94) acres, more or less.

Also another parcel of land, now or formerly of Andrew Sturtevant, beginning at a stone bound in the southeasterly line of Water Street, at its intersection with the northerly side line of the proposed new location of Bedford Street; thence north, thirty-five (35) degrees east, by land of said Andrew Sturtevant, two hundred and thirty (230) feet, more or less, to a stone bound in the westerly line of Bedford Street; thence

southerly, by said westerly line of said Bedford Street, two hundred and thirty (230) feet, more or less, to a stone bound; thence south, thirty-five (35) degrees west, by land of said Andrew Sturtevant, seventy-three (73) feet, more or less, to a stone bound in the southeasterly line of Water Street; thence northeasterly by said southeasterly line of said Water street, eighty-seven (87) feet, more or less, to a stone bound at the point of beginning, containing nineteen hundredths (.19) acres, more or less.

Also another parcel of land, now or formerly of Charles W. Siddall, beginning at a point in the easterly line of Bedford Street, distant four hundred and forty-two (442) feet southerly, measured along said line, from the base line of location of the Old Colony Railroad; thence south, eighty-nine (89) degrees and thirty (30) minutes east, by land of said Charles W. Siddall, three hundred and twenty-eight (328) feet, more or less, to a stone bound in the westerly line of Water Street; thence southerly, in said last mentioned line, fifty-four (54) feet, more or less, to a stone bound; thence north, eighty-nine (89) degrees and thirty (30) minutes west, by land of said Charles W. Siddall, three hundred and sixty-eight (368) feet, more or less, to a stone bound in the easterly line of Bedford Street; thence northerly, in said last mentioned line, fifty-six (56) feet, more or less, to a stone bound at the point of beginning, containing four tenths (.4) acres, more or less.

The above described location is shown on the plan filed herewith, entitled, "Plan of Proposed Change of Bedford and Water Streets in East Bridgewater," and marked "3."

Third. We decide that the Old Colony Railroad Company, the petitioners, shall do all the work, and furnish all the material required by this finding.

Fourth. We decide that the Commonwealth shall pay twenty-five per cent. of the whole cost of the alterations, in-

cluding the cost of the hearing and the compensation of the Commissioners and Auditors for their services and their expenses, and all damages, including those mentioned in Section 5, Chapter 428, of the Acts of 1890, and as amended by Chapter 125, of the Acts of 1891, and the Town of East Bridgewater ten (10) per cent. thereof.

GEORGE W. WIGGIN,
AUGUSTUS P. MARTIN,
CHARLES A. ALLEN,

Commissioners.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Thirty-four marriages have been recorded for the year 1892.

Date.		Names of Groom and Bride, and Residence.
1892.		
Feb.	12.	Michael Winn and Katie Elizabeth Beck, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.
	17.	Arthur C. Churchill and Louie E. Stevens, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
	25.	Arthur T. Hatch and Lucy H. Thrasher, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
April	17.	Maurice E. Hennessey and Anna S. F. Beck, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. F. Clinton.
	27.	James Roach and Lizzie A. Crowley, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.
May	10.	William J. Burke, of Whitman, and Katie L. Hennessey, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.
	16.	John Tiroux and Sophie Petite, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Wm. E. Kelley.
	26.	Walter A. Keene and Emma F. Holbrook, both of Hanson. By J. W. Quinby.
June	2.	John K. Alexander, of Plymouth, and Mary E. Fuller, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
	15.	Edmund Kenneally and Mary A'Hearn, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.

- June 22. Frank C. Coombs and Mary E. Pratt, both of Whitman. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
28. Burpee A. Banks, of East Bridgewater, and Jessie A. Mears, of Brockton. By Rev. F. A. Warfield.
29. Richmond A. Barton and Fanny G. Ashby, both of Bridgewater. By Rev T. O. Paine.
29. Henry L. Phillips and Sarah Grace Brett, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
30. George T. Mann and Mary Emma Brett, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. L. H. Massey.
- July 6. Clarence A. Chandler, of East Bridgewater, and Alice M. Mitchell, of Boston. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
21. Bernard L. Bigelow, of Norwood, and Sarah D. Noyes, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Aug. 8. Josiah R. Howe, of East Bridgewater, and Eva F. Wing, of Bridgewater. By Rev. M. S. Kaufman.
9. Warren F. Ames and Helen W. Howard, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
11. Asa Whitman, of East Bridgewater, and Ellen M. Duffield, of Quincy. By Franklin D. Rideout, J. P.
12. Patrick Carroll, of East Bridgewater, and Johanna O'Brien, of Whitman. By Rev. J. F. James.
- Sept. 24. Charles F. Hayden, of Brockton, and Kate F. Winn, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.

- Oct. 2. William L. Packard, of Lynn, and Leonnie I. Richardson, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Robert Clark.
6. Charles G. McCarthy, of Brockton, and Caroline A. Souza, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.
6. Fred L. Soper and Marilla P. Goodwin, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. M. S. Kaufman.
12. Levi P. Churchill and Alice E. Jones, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
18. Charles H. Copp, of East Bridgewater, and Bertha D. Gerrish, of Hanover. By Rev. Andrew Reade.
19. Thomas E. Luddy and Nellie E. Maguire, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.
- Nov. 16. Joseph H. Glenn and Annie M. Goodwin, both of Brockton. By Rev. M. S. Kaufman.
23. Michael Parker and Lizzie A. Welsh, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.
23. Washington L. Belcher, of East Bridgewater, and Lillian L. Robertson, of Brookfield. By Rev. J. S. Barrows.
- Dec. 1. Roy S. Hayward and Florence E. Dean, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
3. Erland Swanson, of Brockton, and Hannah L. Wetzell, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. E. F. Oulson.
31. Austin F. Bourne and Carrie O. Brown, both of Halifax. By Rev. M. S. Kaufman.

FRANK SMITH,

Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN E. BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1892.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1892.		
January 3,	Sybel Brown Howland . . .	George S. and Ruth.
" 27,	— Fournier	Nelson and Angelina.
Feb'y 15,	Justin Frederic Swift . . .	Michael and Ellen.
" 18,	Halbetta Petite	Joseph and Albina.
March 8,	Daniel Chaplin	Arthur G. and Ida M.
" 10,	Ralph Holden Sturtevant . .	James W. and Caroline A.
" 11,	Esther Lillian Sime	Thomas O. and Sarah I.
" 25,	Edith Beatrice Morrison . .	Alexander G. and Annie B.
April 5,	Mary Ellen Crowley	Patrick H. and Annie.
" 6,	Richard Ward Weston . . .	Edmund L. and Susie E.
" 10,	Mary Susan Metcalf	John G. and Sarah J.
" 15,	William Leo Baxter	William C. and Maggie M.
" 24,	Roy Everett Howland . . .	Samuel T. and Edith E.
" 24,	Kate Laureta Gorman . . .	John F. and Alice M.
May 2,	Leroy Howard Bouldry . . .	Thaddeus M. and Mary E.
" 6,	Alosia Mary Shepard	John B. and Julia.
" 18,	Clarence Edward Sturtevant	Joshua Jr. and Mary.
" 21,	Manuel Perry	Manuel and Philomene.
June 4,	Margaret Mary Luddy . . .	Patrick J. and Annie E.
" 10,	Agnes May Murray	Thomas F. and Agnes A.
" 15,	Ellen Maria Goshie	Mitchell and Ellen.
July 15,	Arthur Merton Hatch . . .	Arthur T. and Lucy H.
August 2,	Marion Alice Sandridge . .	George W. and Annie.
" 9,	Joseph Morey	Marian and Katrina.
" 12,	— Hall	Chester and Asenath.
" 13,	Susan May Chase	William H. and Annie F.
" 13,	Kenneth Clifton Keith . . .	Harry B. and Idella M.
" 14,	Catharine Welsh	John and Mary.
" 19,	Mildred Catharine Jarvis . .	John B. and Mary E.
" 20,	Allan Shirley Ellis	Charles E. and Minnie L.
" 27,	Lydia Margaret Trott . . .	Ira M. and Jessie.
" 29,	Frances Folsom Norcross . .	Frank A. H. and Julia F.
Sept. 5,	William Edward Nute	Clarence W. and Eveline C.
" 18,	Mary Murphy	John J. and Mary.
Oct. 3,	Edward Michael Hennessey .	Maurice E. and Annie S. F.
" 8,	William Frederic Hacker . .	Godfried and Caroline.
" 29,	Frank Silva	Frank and Mary L.
Nov. 5,	Bertha Kingman Howe . . .	Charles N. and Annie F.
" 5,	— Le Claire	Alex. and Mary L.
" 7,	Allerton Wilbur	Eustace R. and Alice P.
" 10,	— Swift	— and Alice M. Swift.
Dec. 6,	Lilla Allen Damon	Henry A. and Isabelle D.
" 6,	David Joseph Condon	Thomas and Kate.
1891.		
Jan'y 14,	Helen Duane	William M. and Mary F.
May 23,	Elva Estella Turner	Seth F. and Ida E.
June 2,	Eugene Alanson McKensie .	Samuel R. and Clara A.
July 13,	Joseph Augustus Conlon . .	Eugene and Margaret.
" 13,	Evelyn Frances Bourne . . .	Isaac N. and Martha J.
" 13,	Sarah Pendergrast	James and Sarah.
August 6,	Frances Macomb Thorndike	Henry H. and Elizabeth C.

Whole number of births in 1892, 43.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE
YEAR 1892.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1892.					
Jan'y 3,	Deborah J. Ryder . .	45	5	20	Consumption.
" 7,	Melzar J. Litchfield .	69			Acute Phthisis.
" 10,	Lydia C. Reed . . .	71	11	3	Catarrhal Pneumonia.
" 10,	Timothy S. Harlow . .	75	1	11	Pneumonia.
" 13,	Willard Poole . . .	86	3		Old Age.
" 18,	Amanda W. Thompson	64			Typhoid Pneumonia.
" 21,	Joanna T. Latham . .	80	11	19	Congestion of Brain.
" 22,	Eva Chenervert . . .	12			Accidental Drowning.
" 22,	Alfred Chenervert . .	8	11		Accidental Drowning.
" 23,	Margaret O. Nutter .	83	4	15	Pneumonia.
" 26,	Philander W. Thompson	51	2		Apoplexy.
" 27,	Charlotte Whitmarsh .	93	4	12	Old Age.
" 29,	Abigail Monroe . . .	68	7	3	Apoplexy.
" 29,	Harriet A. H. Richards	45	10	25	Pneumonia.
" 31,	William Desmond . .	79			Pneumonia.
Feb'y 10,	Hannah W. Cushman .	70	9	27	Mitral Insufficiency.
" 15,	Augustus F. Strong . .	65	8	13	Sub-acute Hepatitis.
" 16,	Abbie W. Chandler . .	42	8	18	Catarrhal Pneumonia.
" 17,	Lizzie A. Long . . .	33			Acute Mania.
" 19,	David Tower	74			Exhaustion.
" 25,	Sarah B. Gould . . .	76		23	Influenza.
March 6,	Thomas Conant . . .	84	6		Bronchitis.
" 7,	Eveline Thayer . . .	86	3	12	Pneumonia.
" 10,	William E. Eastly . .	65			Chronic Insanity.
" 19,	Mary E. Leary . . .		9	20	Dentition.
" 25,	Alde Bernier		11		Pneumonia.
April 1,	Leonard H. Hayward .	63	6	27	Diabetes Mellitus.
" 8,	Mary H. Siddall . . .	92	3	12	Old Age.
" 12,	Elsie T. Colson . . .	83	6	24	Old Age.
" 18,	Marcus M. Keith . . .	65		28	Enlargement of Liver.
" 29,	Sarah B. Rhodes . . .	57	3	6	Pneumonia.
May 3,	Lucy Luther	88		6	Pneumonia.
June 16,	David W. Brown . . .	69	10		Heart Disease.
" 17,	Benjamin Currier . .	65	11		Cancer.
" 29,	Eldridge Winsor . . .	68		4	Diabetes Mellitus.
July 17,	Annabelle Leonard . .	2	11	24	Scarlatina.
Aug. 3,	Catharine Caffrey . .	33			Uremia.
" 16,	Charles W. Hatch . . .	32	11	8	Disease of Liver.
" 19,	Lydia C. Cottle . . .	75	1	23	Intestinal Obstruction.
Sept. 5,	Hannorah Mahoney . .	72			Old Age and Heart Dis.

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YEAR 1892.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1892.					
Sept. 23,	James Wixson . . .	78	8	29	Gangrene.
Oct. 2,	Susan A. Chase . . .	54	8	25	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
" 5,	Eveline C. Nute . . .	36	3	20	Organic Heart Disease.
" 20,	William Fitzgerald . .	26	11	21	Acute Tuberculosis.
Nov. 6,	Sarah C. Hudson . . .	65	1	2	Result of Goitre.
" 9,	Lydia S. Jackson . . .	70	1		Disease of the Brain.
" 13,	Margaret Edmands . .	79	2	7	Organic Heart Disease.
" 16,	Jonas Johnson . . .	74	10	21	Old Age.
" 17,	James M. Dunphe . . .	60	2	12	Pneumonia.
" 21,	George W. Bent . . .	74	5	9	Heart Disease.
Dec. 16,	Mehitable S. Keene . .	79	10	11	Phthisis.
" 27,	Reuben Harden . . .	65	7	12	Pneumonia.
" 27,	Sarah A. Thrasher . . .	65	1	1	Cerebral Softening.

Whole number of deaths recorded in 1892, 53.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The town, at the annual meeting held March 7, 1892, elected Mrs. Mary J. Hobart and Mr. Edmund W. Nutter to serve for three years as trustees.

The trustees met April 19 and effected a temporary organization by the choice of Mr. A. B. Parker as chairman and Mr. E. W. Nutter as secretary. A communication was received at this meeting from Mr. Quincy C. Bird, announcing his resignation as one of the trustees.

At a joint meeting of the trustees and selectmen, Mr. I. N. Nutter was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Bird.

At a meeting of the trustees held May 10, 1892, Mr. Parker was chosen chairman and Mr. I. N. Nutter secretary and treasurer.

The former quarters occupied by the library in Savings Bank Building, not being commodious or convenient, the trustees have secured a large, sunny and well-lighted room in the new Masonic Building, and have leased it for three years, from October 15, 1892. The new room is intended both for a library and reading room, and will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday of each week from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and 6 to 8 o'clock in the evening.

During the year two hundred and ten volumes have been added to the library; seventeen were donated and one hundred and ninety-three were purchased. A third supplementary catalogue has recently been printed and can be obtained without charge of the librarian.

Number of books given out from Jan. 1, 1892,	
to Jan. 1, 1893,	6,126
Largest number on any day, May 5,	87
Smallest number on any day, Nov. 30,	13
Average number,	40.57

Cards have been issued to seventy-three new patrons, making the whole number issued since the establishment of the library one thousand forty-two.

The books taken from the library are classified as follows :

Fiction,	68.48
Juveniles,	14.52
History,	4.20
Biography,	3.18
Travels,	4.07
Poetry and Science,	2.81
Magazines,	4.75

The following magazines are provided each month for use of the patrons of the library, viz. : “Atlantic,” “Century,” “Harper’s” and “St. Nicholas.”

A copy of the Topographical Map of Massachusetts, in portfolio form, has been furnished the library pursuant to Chap. 95, of Resolves of 1891, and will be placed in a convenient part of the library, where it can be examined by all who wish.

ALFRED B. PARKER, *Chairman.*
I. N. NUTTER, *Secretary.*

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1892 :

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation by the town,	\$500 00
Income from Johnson fund,	12 50
Cash of librarian, fines collected,	20 31

Cash of librarian, catalogues sold,	\$4 00
Balance as per former report,	7 59

\$544 40

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books purchased,	\$167 25	
for magazines purchased,	11 16	
for express and freight,	8 85	
Lucy L. Siddall, librarian,	125 00	
for binding books and magazines,	9 57	
J. Burrell, printing,	1 75	
for incidentals,	5 25	
for fuel,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$329 83
J. Burrell, chairs,	3 00	
J. Patterson, tables and chairs,	43 00	
C. H. McKenney & Co., lamps,	17 55	
S. L. Seaver, book cases, counters and bulletin board,	64 53	
Irving Horton, hanging lamps and building coal bin,	2 50	
C. H. Waterman, stove, pipe, etc.,	30 35	
Z. A. Jenkins, material for coal bin,	3 76	
F. C. Nutter, curtains,	7 70	
M. S. Curtis, painting book cases and counters,	10 28	
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		\$512 50
Cash on hand,		31 90
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		\$544 40

I. N. NUTTER,

Treas. of Trustees of the Public Library.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 1, 1893.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

FROM JAN. 1, 1892, TO JAN. 1, 1893.

RECEIPTS.

1892.

Jan.	1.	Cash on hand,	\$61 63
	22.	P. Morey,	10 00
Feb.	10.	Glenwood Club, both halls,	14 00
	24.	Woman's Relief Corps,	8 00
	25.	Plymouth Co. Agricultural Society,	4 00
March	12.	Union Society,	18 00
May	5.	High School,	3 00
	24.	L. W. Richards,	5 00
June	10.	Thomas Luddy, both halls,	14 00
	14.	E. E. Edson,	5 00
	15.	Ladies' Sewing Circle,	3 00
Sept.	7.	Committee on reception,	5 00
Oct.	6.	Democratic rally,	5 00
	7.	Republican rally,	5 00
	19.	Republican rally,	5 00
Nov.	7.	Republican rally,	5 00
	11.	Unitarian Society,	5 00
	15-16-17.	Odd Fellows' fair,	15 00
	18.	J. F. Clarity,	10 00
	23.	E. B. I. and Social Club,	10 00
Dec.	24.	Crescent Musical Club,	5 00
	26.	Unitarian Society,	5 00
	29.	High School reunion.	8 00
Interest received from East Bridgewater Savings Bank,			5 59

\$234 22

EXPENDITURES.

1892.

Jan.	1.	B. F. Edson,	\$2 36
April	6.	C. H. Waterman,	5 00
May	12.	J. S. Eastman,	6 75
June	27.	J. E. Dean,	6 50
July	11.	Martin Sumner,	60
Aug.	18.	Zenas Jenkins,	2 56
Sept.	10.	Mrs. McDermott,	3 60
	10.	Mrs. O'Brien,	3 60
Nov.	23.	M. S. Curtis,	2 95
Dec.	22.	W. M. Judkins,	1 35
	22.	B. F. Edson,	9 73
	31.	C. H. Waterman,	7 17
	31.	Z. A. Jenkins,	22 90
	31.	A. G. Waterman,	5 20
	31.	Amos Hunting,	4 33
	31.	Frank Smith,	2 05
	31.	T. S. H. Rounseville, janitor, etc.,	62 00
	31.	F. E. Trow, secretary and treasurer,	10 00
	31.	Cash on hand,	75 57
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			\$234 22

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Assessors and Collector, and beg leave to report as follows :

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on treasurer,	\$14,180 04
Amount of orders paid by treasurer,	14,180 04

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on treasurer,	\$8,724 49
Amount of orders paid by treasurer,	8,724 49

TREASURER.

Amount received during the year,	\$44,973 91
Amount paid out during the year,	43,746 19
Cash on hand,	\$1,227 72

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection,	\$22,925 73
Interest,	94 09
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	\$23,019 82
Amount paid to treasurer,	22,897 97
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Uncollected taxes,	\$121 85

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Amount on hand Jan. 1st, 1892, and received during the year ending Dec. 31, 1892,	\$405 47
Amount paid out during the year ending Dec. 31, 1892,	390 81
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Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1893,	\$14 66
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Total valuation, \$1,488,939.

Rate per \$1,000, \$14.20.

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. DUNPHE,

Auditor.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 10, 1893.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

Note due New Bedford Institution of Savings, dated April 2, 1888,	\$3,000 00
Interest from Oct. 2, 1892, to Dec. 31, 1892,	33 38
Bills unpaid, (estimated),	85 00
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	\$3,118 38

ASSETS.

Due from State, for State aid,	\$605 00
State, for military aid,	48 00
Town of Bridgewater,	55 38
Charles E. Allen,	136 04
Cash in treasury,	1,227 72
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	\$2,072 14

TOWN MEETING.

The annual town meeting will be held on Monday, the sixth day of March next, at 1 o'clock, P. M., at which the following articles will be acted upon :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the reports of town officers and committees.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to pay all town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To adopt some method for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To vote upon the question : " SHALL LICENSES BE GRANTED FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN THIS TOWN ? "

ART. 8. To act upon a list of jurors as proposed by the selectmen.

ART. 9. To see if the town will make any change in the manner of publishing its meetings.

GEO. M. KEITH,
HENRY GURNEY,
A. G. WATERMAN,

Selectmen.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER,
AND
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
FOR THE YEAR 1892.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1893.

Spring Term begins April 3d ; closes June 23d. Vacation of ten weeks.

Fall Term begins day following “Labor Day” ; closes Friday before Thanksgiving. Vacation of one week.

Winter Term begins Monday after Thanksgiving ; closes March 3d. Vacation of one week at Christmas time.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring Term begins April 3 ; closes June 23. Twelve weeks.

Fall Term begins Sept. 5 ; closes Dec. 22. (Vacation of Thanksgiving and the day following.) Sixteen weeks.

Winter Term begins Jan. 2 ; closes March 25. Twelve weeks.

Holidays Occurring in Term Time — Every Saturday, Washington’s Birthday, Decoration Day, two days of agricultural fairs, half-days to meet the Supt., and days of the Plymouth Co. Teachers’ Association.

School Signals — 11 – 111111 — two blows, pause ; six blows, struck three times on church bells at 8.05 o’clock, A. M.— no school for the day.

Regular Meetings of School Committee — Second Monday evening of every month, at 7.30 o’clock.

Superintendent’s Office Hours — At town office, Mondays and Tuesdays, from 3.30 to 5.30 P. M.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1892.

William Allen,	term expires,	1893
Mrs. N. F. Dunphe,	"	1893
Robert O. Harris,	"	1894
Mrs. J. S. Allen,	"	1894
E. W. Nutter,	"	1895
E. T. Morse,	"	1895

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

E. W. NUTTER, *Chairman.*

R. O. HARRIS, *Secretary.*

E. T. MORSE, *Treasurer.*

R. D. McKEEN, *Supt. of Schools.*

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At the annual meeting in March last, the town voted to increase the number of the school committee to six members, and to avail itself of the provision of the statutes by which "Two or more towns, the valuation of each of which does not exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars, and the aggregate number of schools in all of which is not more than fifty, nor less than thirty, may, by vote of the several towns, unite for the purpose of the employment of a superintendent of schools."

Immediately after the organization of the committee, the secretary communicated with the school boards of West Bridgewater and Raynham, proposing a union of the three towns.

Favorable responses having been received, arrangements were made for a joint convention of the committees, which was held at West Bridgewater, April 8.

The joint committee was organized by the choice of E. W. Nutter as chairman and Mrs. M. K. Crosby as secretary.

It was voted that the amount of service to be performed by the superintendent in each town, and the sum to be contributed by each town to the superintendent's salary, should be apportioned in the ratio which the number of schools in the town bears to the whole number in the district.

A sub-committee was chosen to receive the applications of candidates for the position of superintendent, examine into their qualifications, and report at an adjourned meeting. This meeting was held April 29, when the report of the sub-committee was received, and a ballot for superintendent was taken, resulting in the choice of R. D. McKeen, a gentleman who for

the two previous years had held the position of superintendent of schools in Danforth, Maine.

Mr. McKeen did not begin his work here until the 20th of May, so that, at the time of this writing, the schools have been under his supervision but one full term.

It could not be expected that they would exhibit much improvement in so short a time, under the best possible management; but, judging from the intelligent and thorough manner in which the superintendent has laid out his work and prosecuted it thus far, the committee feel assured that he will succeed in accomplishing, in due time, the much needed improvements in our school system.

His report, which follows this, gives the citizens of the town an understanding of the present condition of the schools and the measures necessary to be taken to raise them to the standard to which they may justly be expected to attain.

But one member of the former committee, Mr. Allen, remained in office at the beginning of the present year, both his colleagues having removed to other towns. One of them, who had had the almost sole management of the schools, accepted the position of superintendent in a distant town, but did not resign his office here. Thus our schools were left for several months practically without supervision and suffered seriously in consequence.

The committee were compelled to prolong the spring vacation one week in order to fill vacancies in the corps of teachers, and make necessary arrangements for the opening of the schools.

The results of the work done in most of the schools, during the first term, were far from satisfactory. The committee found no uniformity of classification in schools of the same nominal grade. The teachers had no course of study, and many of them were ignorant of the kind and amount of instruction to be given in the several branches. In some of the schools the methods of teaching employed were decidedly objectionable. In nearly

all there was an insufficient supply of text-books and other necessary materials.

The examinations held at the close of the term found very few pupils fitted for promotion.

As a measure of relief to the mixed schools, and to ensure better preparation for the High School, all pupils of the grammar grade were placed in the Central Grammar School. This arrangement should be made permanent, but its continuance will necessitate an appropriation by the town to defray the expense of transporting those pupils, whose residences are remote from the High School building.

In their expenditures for repairs and for school-books and supplies, the committee have exceeded the appropriations, although no expense has been incurred which could be reasonably avoided.

The committee recommend the following appropriations for 1893 :

For school purposes,	\$6,100 00
books and supplies,	450 00
incidentals,	325 00
minor repairs,	150 00
Elmwood, painting,	150 00
High School building, painting lower rooms,	50 00
music and books,	350 00
transportation,	300 00
insurance,	75 00
furniture,	75 00
salary of superintendent,	350 00

For the school committee,

E. W. NUTTER, *Chairman*.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Jan. 1, 1893.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$6,000 00
Received of State Treasurer,	268 31
Received of County Treasurer,	465 44
Total,	<u>\$6,733 75</u>

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

George F. Murdock, High School,	\$1,040 00
Grace Savage, High School,	500 00
Susan A. Bullard, Centre Grammar,	212 00
Flora A. Burgess, Centre Grammar,	172 00
Hattie M. Morse, Centre Grammar,	32 00
Susan A. Washburn, Centre Intermediate,	40 00
M. A. Copeland, Centre Intermediate,	60 00
Abby B. Wade, Centre Intermediate,	270 00
Eudora Sanford, West Intermediate,	188 00
Mattie Healey, West Intermediate,	117 00
Henrietta Hill, West Intermediate,	18 00
Abby B. Wade, West Primary,	81 00
M. Grace Fickett, West Primary,	96 00
Abbie U. Weston, West Primary,	135 00
Julia A. Mansfield, Beaver Grammar,	356 00
Agnes K. Littlefield, Beaver Primary,	187 00
Annie A. Longfellow, Beaver Primary,	135 00
Lida W. Copeland, Elmwood Grammar,	90 00
Sybel G. Brown, Elmwood Grammar,	270 00

S. Lizzie Folger, Elmwood Primary,	\$189 00
Grace L. Cook, Elmwood Primary,	135 00
Ann W. Harden, Satucket,	324 00
Clara C. Howland, Curtisville,	324 00
Carrie E. Hodge, Eastville,	81 00
Helen A. Luddy, Eastville,	240 30
Ellen M. Murphy, Northville,	342 00
Nellie C. Wade, Northville,	10 00
Grace L. Cook, North Primary,	189 00
Addie B. Sanborn, North Primary,	135 00

Total,	\$5,968 40
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FUEL.

G. W. Alger, coal,	\$284 80
E. H. Brown, preparing fuel,	3 00
John Burgess, wood,	1 50
Joshua Dean, coal,	132 40
Reuben Harden, preparing fuel,	1 85
J. D. Jones, kindlings,	24 50
A. H. Latham, wood,	2 00
Eliab Latham, wood,	3 50
Austin Washburn, preparing fuel,	75

Total,	\$454 30
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CARE OF HOUSES AND CLEANING.

Joseph Pettingale, High School-house, care,	\$15 00
Henry A. Grow, High School-house, care,	128 40
Mrs. J. O'Brien, High School-house, cleaning,	4 42
Mrs. Annie Carroll, High School-house, cleaning,	5 78
Mrs. Emma Grow, High School-house, cleaning,	1 36
Charles H. Grow, High School-house, cleaning,	80
Henry A. Grow, High School-house, cleaning,	1 10
George Skillings, High School-house, cleaning,	75
Mrs. James Timmons, High School-house, cleaning,	17 85

Henry Angle, West Intermediate, care,	\$6 50
Eudora Sanford, West Intermediate, care,	3 00
Eudora Sanford, West Intermediate, paid for cleaning,	2 10
Mrs. McDermott, West Intermediate, cleaning,	4 80
Abby B. Wade, West Primary, care,	4 00
M. Grace Fickett, West Primary, care,	3 00
Henry Angle, West Primary, care,	3 00
Mrs. Ann Dillon, West Primary, cleaning,	1 43
Henry Nute, Beaver, care,	6 00
Julia Mansfield, Beaver Grammar, care,	7 00
Agnes K. Littlefield, Beaver Primary, care,	7 00
Mrs. H. A. Osborne, Beaver, cleaning,	8 00
Ervin Lothrop, Elmwood, care,	14 00
Harry White, Elmwood, care,	6 00
Mrs. T. H. Bouldry, Elmwood, cleaning,	8 50
Mrs. Margaret McDermott, Elmwood, cleaning,	75
George Shepard, Satucket, care	7 00
Ann W. Harden, Satucket, care,	3 00
Mrs. Mary Harris, Satucket, cleaning,	3 60
George Adam, Curtisville, care,	10 00
Mrs. T. H. Bouldry, Curtisville, cleaning,	3 25
Frank McGlathry, Eastville, care,	7 00
John Beard, Eastville, care,	3 00
Frank McGlathry, Eastville, water,	4 00
John Beard, Eastville, water,	2 00
Mrs. L. A. Howard, Eastville, cleaning,	6 75
Ellen M. Murphy, Northville, care,	7 00
James Raymond, Northville, care,	3 00
Ellen M. Murphy, Northville, paid for cleaning,	4 44
Thomas Maguire, North Primary, care, 1891 and 1892,	7 00
Mrs. Daniel Geary, North Primary, care,	3 00
Henry Kingman, North Primary, care,	3 00
Mrs. J. O'Brien, North and West Primaries, cleaning,	10 75
Total,	<hr/> \$348 33

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for teaching,	\$5,968 40
fuel,	454 30
care of houses and cleaning,	348 33
Total,	<hr/> \$6,771 03
Amount available,	6,733 75
Excess of expenditure,	<hr/> \$36 28

SHINGLING HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSE.

S. L. Ryder, stock and labor,	\$166 24
Fred R. Siddall, clearing away shingles,	3 00
Total,	<hr/> \$169 24
Appropriation,	200 00
Unexpended,	<hr/> \$30 76

REPAIRS.

J. E. Bisbee, Northville,	\$4 00
W. E. Bonney, stock and labor,	39 56
Arthur Churchill, Eastville,	4 65
M. S. Curtis, stock and labor,	19 09
James Kavin, labor,	1 50
G. F. Lombard, labor,	8 50
Eudora Sanford, paid for repairs,	1 25
Isaac F. Wade, stock and labor,	2 00
John M. Whiting, High School,	2 00
George A. Wright, High School,	9 00
Total,	<hr/> \$91 55
Appropriation,	100 00
Unexpended,	<hr/> \$8 45

INCIDENTALS.

W. A. Bowles, repairs on organs,	\$5 50
Jarvis Burrell, printing,	43 86
Carver Cotton Gin Co., stock and labor,	90
E. L. Clark, labor,	3 00
Mrs. M. E. Gammons, stock and labor,	3 22
Howard, Clark & Co., table,	9 00
J. L. Hammett, desk,	14 00
Irving Horton, incidentals and labor,	24 68
Samuel J. Hoyt, labor,	2 00
Hopkinson & Marden, incidentals,	21 83
Amos Hunting, incidentals,	2 35
Z. A. Jenkins, incidentals,	4 25
G. H. Jones, repairing clocks,	4 15
Agnes K. Littlefield, cash paid,	2 00
R. A. Littlefield, incidentals and labor,	5 00
R. D. McKeen, postage and incidentals,	10 45
W. J. Mitchell, labor,	1 00
E. W. Nutter, school census,	20 00
E. W. Nutter, postage and incidentals,	3 70
F. C. Nutter, incidentals,	22 61
O. C. R. R., freight,	1 00
George S. Perry & Co., incidentals,	4 25
J. Henry Potter, repairing clock,	1 00
Eudora Sanford, paid for molding-board,	1 64
S. L. Seaver, incidentals,	2 50
L. J. Voigt, diplomas,	1 75
Abby B. Wade, repairing books,	8 90
Charles H. Waterman, stock and labor,	107 17
Patrick Welsh, stock and labor,	2 55
Walter H. Wing & Co., stock and labor,	23 89
Total,	<hr/> \$358 15
Appropriation,	300 00
Excess of expenditure,	<hr/> \$58 15

TEXT-BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

*American Book Co., charts and text-books,	\$153 15
Boston School Supply Co., text-books,	151 87
Ginn & Co., text-books,	18 83
J. L. Hammett, text-books and supplies,	104 54
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, text-books,	39 15
Lee & Shepard, text-books,	1 92
Effingham Maynard & Co., text-books,	6 00
George S. Perry & Co., supplies,	89 21
Thompson, Brown & Co., text-books,	10 80
University Publishing Co., text- books,	13 20
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Total,	\$588 67
Appropriation,	400 00
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Excess of expenditure,	\$188 67

MUSIC.

Laura F. Taylor, teaching,	\$250 00
Appropriation,	250 00

SUPERINTENDENT.

Paid R. D. McKeen,	\$204 17
Appropriation,	350 00
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Unexpended,	\$145 83
Paid R. D. McKeen, on behalf of the district,	\$291 68
Due from State,	291 68

* Ninety dollars of this amount was for a bill contracted Oct. 24, 1891, on six months' time, which accounts in part, for the large excess of expenditure in this department.

SUMMARY.

Appropriation, school purposes,	\$6,000 00
Received of State Treasurer,	268 31
Due from State for superintendent,	291 68
Received of County Treasurer,	465 44
Appropriation, shingling High School-house,	200 00
general repairs,	100 00
incidentals,	300 00
text-books and school supplies,	400 00
salary of music teacher,	250 00
superintendent,	350 00
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Amount available,	\$8,625 43
Paid for teaching,	\$5,968 40
fuel	454 30
care of houses and cleaning,	348 33
shingling High School-house,	169 24
repairs,	91 55
incidentals,	358 15
text-books and supplies,	588 67
music,	250 00
superintendent,	204 17
superintendent, on behalf of	
State,	291 68
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	\$8,724 49
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Excess of expenditure,	\$99 06

EDWARD T. MORSE,

Treas. of School Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 1, 1893.

STATISTICS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCY.

The superintendent receives a salary of \$1,250 00

The three towns are paying as follows :

East Bridgewater pays 7-15, \$583 34

West Bridgewater pays 1-3, 416 66

Raynham pays 1-5, 250 00

In May, the three towns will receive from the State
for the superintendent's salary, \$500 00

East Bridgewater will receive 7-15, \$233 33

West Bridgewater will receive 1-3, 166 67

Raynham will receive 1-5, 100 00

The towns will also receive from the State, to be
divided according to the average school atten-
dance, \$500 00

East Bridgewater will receive 383-708, \$270 48

West Bridgewater will receive 202-708, 142 65

Raynham will receive 123-708, 86 87

Total amount received from the State, \$1,000 00

Total East Bridgewater receives from the State, \$503 81

Cost to East Bridgewater for superintendent, above
what is received from State, for 1892, \$79 53

Cost to East Bridgewater for superintending schools,
including care and distribution of school-books
and supplies, 1891, \$386 00

To the above amounts should be added the sum of \$79.00
for expenses of supervision, for which the superintendent this
year makes no extra charge.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee of the Town of East Bridgewater :

I have the pleasure to submit to you my report of the schools of the town of East Bridgewater, it being the first annual report of the Superintendent of schools of the district of which this town forms a part.

I have given little attention to gleaning statistics, thinking I could devote my time more profitably in the school-room.

Coming here so late in the spring term, and being a stranger to teachers and pupils, I did very little that term, except to become acquainted with the different schools and the school laws of Massachusetts.

The following table contains statistics for the fall term, ending Nov. 23, 1892 :

NAME OF SCHOOL.	Whole Number of Pupils Registered for Fall Term.	Average No. Belonging.	Whole No of Absences.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per Cent. of Daily Attendance.	No. of Pupils over Fifteen Years of Age.	Number of Half Days of Truancy.	Number of Cases of Tardiness.	Number of Cases of Dismissal.	Number of Cases of Corporal Punishment.	No. of Times the Teacher has been Tardy.	No. of Half Days the Teacher has been Absent.	No. of Visits and Calls by the S. Committee.	No. of Visits and Calls by the Superintendent.	No. of Visits and Calls by Others.
High	62	59.8	164	57.3	95	41	0	49	29	0	0	0	0	10	13
Grammar	61	59.4	446	55.7	93	7	2	45	5	3	1	0	0	12	6
Centre Intermediate.	40	39.3	284	36.6	93	1	0	34	4	0	0	0	0	6	12
North Primary.....	54	52.	311	49.6	93	0	0	25	22	5	3	0	0	5	31
West Intermediate..	29	28.	154	26.9	93	0	0	26	34	1	1	5	1	8	28
West Primary.	40	38.3	418	33.	86	0	0	53	1	1	1	2	0	8	27
Elmwood Intermed.	29	28.7	211	26.8	93	1	4	12	5	13	10	0	0	6	5
Elmwood Primary...	42	37.	530	32.4	87	0	0	31	16	0	0	0	0	4	9
Beaver Intermediate	20	18.9	47	18.	95	0	0	7	19	0	0	0	4	5	16
Beaver Primary.....	23	22.2	119	20.3	91	0	0	24	14	0	0	0	3	5	24
Northville	31	27.2	169	25.6	93	0	2	8	28	1	0	0	0	2	33
Curtisville.....	19	17.9	96	16.8	94	1	0	11	6	0	1	0	0	2	24
Eastville	19	16.9	117	15.1	89	1	0	12	2	0	0	0	0	4	50
Satucket	25	24.	225	20.8	86	0	0	4	15	0	0	0	0	3	18

Number of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen, as shown by the school census taken May, 1892,	443
Decrease from last year,	2
Whole number of pupils of all ages enrolled on school registers,	494
Number over fifteen years of age,	54

TRUANCY.

Very few cases have been reported in which pupils have absented themselves from school without the consent of their parents or guardian.

In a *few* schools, however, the teachers are annoyed in their work by having two or more absences each day, presumably with the permission of the parents.

A child who goes to school one day and stays at home the next, falls behind his class and soon loses his interest altogether.

While in many cases the children may seem a great help at home, I would ask the parents to have their children regular and punctual in attendance.

TEACHERS.

It gives me pleasure to speak in terms of commendation of our teachers. To say that they have labored earnestly and faithfully, but faintly expresses the character and amount of work they are accomplishing.

As the character of the school depends upon the ability and efficiency of the teacher, I see no reason, if the present teaching force remains, why our schools cannot stand on an equality with those of larger towns.

As a school can be no better than its teacher, we surely have a point in favor of employing only the best teachers, if we wish good schools.

If the purpose of the school is to develop the child's mind and give him the power of thought, and train his physical powers so as to produce a sound body, the teacher should have a knowledge of Physiology and Psychology. She should not only be a person of good moral character, but one of force and determination. Such teachers should be engaged for our Primary schools. A teacher possessing such qualities, always commands a good salary. Let us pay a good salary and have

a good school. We shall make a great mistake if we hold to the idea of securing untrained and inexperienced teachers for our elementary schools.

I do not mean that we can pay such salaries as are paid by Brockton, Quincy, and other cities, but we *can* compete with our sister towns. If we are paying a teacher \$9 a week, and she is offered a better salary elsewhere, rather than to release her, I say that the town can make no better investment than to allow you to pay a good teacher ten or even eleven dollars a week to retain her services.

A teacher's salary should be made with reference to her efficiency, experience, and the character of her work, rather than to conform to the pernicious custom or rule that is followed by some towns and cities, of grading the salary according to the consecutive stages of classification of the schools, paying the minimum salary to the Primary teacher. "Let none but the best teachers be placed in our Primary schools, that the plastic minds of our pupils may be moulded aright."

At the close of the spring term, quite a number of changes were made. Those who left were Miss Susan A. Bullard of Centre Grammar school, Miss S. Lizzie Folger of Elmwood Primary school, Miss Endora Sanford of West Intermediate school, Miss Grace Fickett of West Primary school, Miss Agnes Littlefield of Beaver Primary school. They were succeeded by Miss Flora A. Burgess in Centre Grammar school, Miss Grace L. Cook from the No. Primary to the Elmwood Primary, Miss Mattie Healey in West Intermediate, Miss Abbie U. Weston in West Primary, Miss Annie A. Longfellow in Beaver Primary, Miss Addie B. Sanborn in North Primary.

At the close of the fall term, Miss Healey resigned to accept a more lucrative position in Abington, and Miss Hattie Turner was engaged to fill the position vacated by Miss Healey. Miss Henrietta Hill was employed as a substitute for Miss Turner until Christmas vacation.

At the beginning of the Christmas vacation, Miss Brown, of the Elmwood Intermediate, resigned, and Miss Hattie Hilton was elected to her position.

Because of the large number of pupils from the Grammar school being refused admission to the High school, and of the sudden influx of pupils to the Grammar school, I found that one teacher was unable to do the Grammar school work. Mrs. Edw. T. Morse, a teacher of experience has been employed as an assistant. Harmony prevails among pupils and teachers, and some good, hard work is being done in the Grammar school. If our present teaching force can be induced to remain, I can insure you excellent results in our schools in a very few months.

GRADING AND PROMOTION.

As has been the custom at the close of the school year in June, the Superintendent was instructed to prepare a set of examinations as a test for applicants to the High school. Such papers were prepared, an examination held and the papers were marked on the following basis of marking: Those who obtained 75 per cent. or more, were allowed to pass to the High school; those who obtained between 65 per cent. and 75 per cent., were allowed to take a second examination the last week in August. As a result of the two examinations, 15 were allowed to enter the High school, and 28 were rejected. On examination of the papers of those who were rejected, it was obvious that there has been a lack of thoroughness in instruction, and a diversity of fitness among the applicants, which arose largely from the diversity of methods used by the different teachers.

I gave the subject a careful study and found the condition of affairs as follows: In the village, scholars were fitted for the High school in three rooms, with three teachers, while in Beaver and Elmwood, pupils were supposed to be fitted in two

rooms, by two teachers, and four grades in each room ; and in the rural schools, pupils were prepared for the High school with even five and six grades in a room.

Quite an unequal privilege to each pupil. The above evil could be remedied by having three-years' work done in each room in Beaver, Elmwood, West Primary and Intermediate, North Primary and Centre Intermediate, and send all pupils to one Grammar school, after completing the work of the lower grades. All but four pupils of the Grammar grade in town are now in the Grammar school. Our pupils will, in this way, command equal privileges in the school-room, and all will have the same instruction two years preparatory to entering the High school. I think the above plan an admirable one, with this disadvantage: some pupils have a greater distance to travel than others. Now these children have to travel this distance only a little sooner than they would to attend the High school. If appropriations were made for the transportation of such children in stormy weather, I think the citizens of East Bridgewater would meet this plan with their hearty approval. The advanced class from Satucket school has been sent to Elmwood Intermediate school; fewer classes are left in the Satucket school, hence better work can be accomplished there.

MARKING.

In many schools for the past few years, monthly examinations have been required in all grades above the Primary. The papers have been marked on the scale of 100 per cent. Pupils obtaining an average of 70 per cent. or more for the year, were allowed to pass to the next higher grade.

Although tests of some form are necessary to a graded system of schools, they should not be given for the purpose of testing how much the pupil has swallowed, but how much he has digested.

There seems to have been too much studying to pass an examination, too much teaching in the same direction. Pupils should be taught that there is a nobler purpose for which they study, than merely to obtain a certain per cent. They should be credited and promoted not only according to the work accomplished, but also to the effort put forth in obtaining a certain result. In order that a graded system might be sustained, you passed a vote early in the fall term, that the following system of marking should be adopted in the Elementary schools of this town. Pupils who do excellent work should be marked *A*; those who do work that is acceptable, should be marked *B*; those who do unsatisfactory work should be marked *C*. This system has been in use since its adoption, and has proved satisfactory. I would add that if, after close supervision, a pupil obtains *A* or *B* for the year, he be promoted without examination to the next higher grade.

I also recommend the above system for your consideration to be adopted as a system of marking in the High school.

COURSE OF STUDY.

As quite a large percentage of pupils leave school before entering the High school, it seems to me that the course of study pursued in the past ought to be changed, so as to give the Grammar school scholars a common school education. In the High school, much time is lost in reviewing the work of the Grammar school, and in doing Grammar school work. At the close of the school year in June, sufficient work will have been accomplished in the lower grades, to call for a regrading of the High school, and to raise the standard of admission nearly one year. A new course of study is in preparation, which will be presented for your consideration as soon as the schools are prepared for its adoption.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High school, under the instruction of Geo. F. Murdock, A. B., principal, and Miss Grace Savage, assistant, has merited the confidence of the public.

The excellent discipline of the school has been maintained, and commendable progress has been made in the classes.

Whole number in the High school pursuing courses of study are indicated as follows :

CLASS.	Whole Number.	Three-Years' Course.	Four-Years' Course.
Seniors	12		12
Sub-Seniors	11	1	10
Ex-Juniors	19		19
Juniors	16	2	14
Totals	58	3	55

Diplomas were awarded to the class graduating in June, 1892, as follows :

FOUR-YEARS' COURSE.

Herbert L. Erskine,	Kate S. Lord,
Warren S. Shaw,	Myrtle L. Halloway,
Saba W. Churchill,	Maud J. Whitman.

THREE-YEARS' COURSE.

Mildred F. Ramsden.

DRAWING.

Little work has been done in drawing during the fall term for two reasons : First, a full supply of books was needed, and you refrained from purchasing, as you had exhausted nearly all the funds appropriated for school books ; second, the time has been fully occupied in raising the standard of scholarship in the several classes.

MUSIC.

Vocal music has been most successfully taught by Miss Laura F. Taylor. Teachers have ably seconded the efforts of Miss Taylor, and very much interest and enthusiasm has been manifested by the pupils. For particulars regarding the work in music, I refer you to Miss Taylor's report.

REPORT OF THE TEACHER OF MUSIC.

MR. R. D. McKEEN, *Superintendent of Schools*:

Dear Sir: The work done in music the past year has shown a decided growth and improvement.

The primary classes have practiced exercises and songs of one part in the nine major keys. Most of the work in the Intermediate and Grammar schools has been on two-part music, each pupil patiently learning to carry the second as well as the first part. In the Grammar school, three-part songs have also been studied.

Attention has been given to the use of the voice, the aim being to acquire a sweet, clear quality, rather than the coarse, harsh tones so often heard in schools.

The pupils in the High school have studied and written out the various scales in their relation to each other, and the principal chords in the major keys.

Although the willing and earnest spirit shown in the work in all the schools is very gratifying, the results in the Grammar and High schools deserve special mention. Much credit is due the regular teachers for the careful and thorough way in which the daily practice is conducted.

Let us hope that nothing in the future will prevent a steady progress in the work now well begun.

Respectfully,

LAURA F. TAYLOR,

Teacher of Music.

GYMNASTICS.

The best educators in the country fully realize the utmost importance of maintaining the vigorous health and strength by a systematic development of the body, throughout the years given to mental culture.

During the fall term, the most of our teachers have regularly received a thorough drill in the Ling, or Swedish System of Educational Gymnastics, from Mr. F. F. Murdock, in the Bridgewater Normal Gymnasium. As far as possible, the teachers have begun the introduction of this system into our schools. Owing to the lack of time in the daily programme, and the necessary disadvantage from the arrangement of seats, the progress is slow in some schools.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

In my frequent visits to the different schools, I have taken care to observe the condition of the school property, thinking that it might aid you in making your estimates of the amount of money needed for the coming year.

The West Intermediate school-house needs thorough painting. The Northville school-house does not well accommodate the pupils. It is low and narrow, and needs to be thoroughly painted.

I recommend that the building now occupied be sold, and the other building in the same yard be moved to a more desirable part of the grounds, and fitted up for the accommodation of the pupils.

The Elmwood school-house is not in good repair. The building needs to be thoroughly painted, and the rooms need whitening. The seats in the Intermediate room are in a poor condition.

Efforts have been made to keep the out-buildings at Elmwood in a respectable condition. I think as much, if not more, evil

has been done by loiterers outside of the school as by the pupils. I believe that, with the aid of the teachers, I can have the out-buildings kept in as neat and tidy condition as at their homes. I recommend that the town procure land enough from an adjoining lot to make the pupils in Elmwood a good playground.

The school buildings at Eastville, Satucket and Curtisville will need only the ordinary repairs.

The out-building at Eastville needs some extra repairs.

In the High school building, the rooms occupied by the Centre Intermediate and Grammar schools need painting. The school-yard needs to be graded and turfed. As it is now, it is not in any way attractive.

LIST OF TEACHERS.

George F. Murdock, A. B., Principal High school.

Miss Grace Savage, Assistant High school.

Miss Flora A. Burgess, Principal Grammar school.

Mrs. Edw. T. Morse, Assistant Grammar school.

Miss Abby B. Wade, Centre Intermediate school.

Miss Addie B. Sanborn, North Primary school.

Miss Hattie M. Turner, West Intermediate school.

Miss Abbie U. Weston, West Primary school.

Miss Annie A. Longfellow, Beaver Primary school.

Miss Julia Mansfield, Beaver Intermediate school.

Miss Hattie Hilton, Elmwood Intermediate school.

Miss Grace L. Cook, Elmwood Primary school.

Mrs. E. M. Murphy, Northville school.

Miss Helen A. Luddy, Eastville school.

Miss Clara Howland, Curtisville school.

Miss Ann W. Harden, Satucket school.

IN CONCLUSION.

I wish to thank you as a committee for the aid and support you have given me in my efforts to advance the schools.

I also extend thanks to the citizens of East Bridgewater for their co-operation in the work of the schools, and the encouragement they have given to both teachers and myself.

Respectfully,

R. D. McKEEN,

Supt of Schools.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Jan. 1, 1893.

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
EAST BRIDGEWATER,
FOR THE YEAR 1893.



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TOWN OFFICERS, 1893.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor. — HENRY GURNEY, ARTHUR G. WATERMAN, JOSEPH H. STRONG.

Town Clerk. — FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer. — JARVIS BURRELL.

Collector. — FRANK SMITH.

Auditor. — N. FRANK DUNPHE.

School Committee. — EDMUND W. NUTTER, EDWARD T. MORSE, ROBERT O. HARRIS, MRS. JAMES S. ALLEN, MRS. N. FRANK DUNPHE, MRS. ALLAN B. SHAW.

Superintendent of Schools. — R. D. MCKEEN.

Constables. — BENJAMIN SIDDALL, ROBERT J. MITCHELL, T. S. H. ROUNSEVILLE, WILLIAM T. GREEN, GEORGE R. DYER, GEORGE F. LOMBARD, DAVID B. ROBBINS, ADAM R. HUMBLE.

Road Commissioners. — SAMUEL KEITH, HERBERT C. KEITH, GEORGE L. CHAMBERLAIN.

Measurers of Wood. — WARREN K. CHURCHILL, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, WILLIAM B. HALL.

Surveyors of Lumber. — ARTHUR C. CHURCHILL, ZENAS A. JENKINS, W. G. SMELLIE.

Weighers. — GEORGE W. ALGER, THOMAS H. PERKINS, WILLIAM EDSON, ZENAS A. JENKINS, PRESCOTT H. PRATT.

Pound Keeper. — HENRY W. SEARS.

Field Drivers. — ROY S. HAYWARD, EDMUND KENNEALLY, ARTHUR T. HATCH.

Fence Viewers. — A. HARRIS LATHAM, GALEN WILLIS.

Sealer of Weights and Measures. — ROBERT YOUNG.

Engineers Fire Department. — MINOT S. CURTIS, WARREN K. CHURCHILL, JOSHUA DEAN, CHARLES F. CLARK, IRVING HORTON.

Trustees Public Library. — ISAAC N. NUTTER, ALFRED B. PARKER, E. W. NUTTER, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, ALICE STRONG, MARY H. RUST.

Town Hall Committee. — MICHAEL H. LYONS, JAMES F. ROACH, GEORGE V. GOODWIN.

Registrars of Voters. — AMOS HUNTING, E. S. WHITMARSH, FRED E. FULLER, FRANK SMITH.

Board of Health. — ALLAN L. SHIRLEY, M. D., ROBERT YOUNG.

Inspector of Meat and Cattle. — WILLIAM T. GREEN.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Schooling proper,	\$6,100 00
School books and supplies,	450 00
Incidentals,	325 00
Superintendent,	350 00
Music,	350 00
Transportation of scholars,	300 00
Repairs,	150 00
Insurance,	75 00
Furniture,	75 00
Painting H. S. H.,	50 00
“ Elmwood S. H.,	150 00
Highways,	3,500 00
Bridges and culverts,	500 00
Sidewalks and street crossings,	600 00
Removing snow,	500 00
New bridge,	1,000 00
Curbing,	360 00
Street lights and lighting,	350 00
Support of poor,	3,000 00
Town officers and committees,	1,200 00
Hydrant service,	1,080 00
Incidental expenses,	500 00
Public library,	400 00
Fire department,	525 00
Police service and suppression of crime,	200 00
Soldiers' aid,	200 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Water supply at almshouse,	300 00
Drinking fountain, Central Street,	50 00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS, JAN. 1, 1893.

LIABILITIES.

Note due New Bedford Institution for Savings, dated April 2, 1888,	\$3,000 00
Interest due to Dec. 31, 1892,	33 38
Bills unpaid (estimated),	85 00
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	\$3,118 38
To which might be added, due on new bridge, appro- priation of 1892,	1,492 61

ASSETS.

Due from State for State aid,	\$605 00
“ “ “ “ Military aid,	48 00
“ “ Town of Bridgewater,	55 38
“ “ Chas. E. Allen,	136 04
Cash in treasury,	1,227 72
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	\$2,072 14

REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS
OF THE POOR.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

STATE AID.

Paid Henry Burns,	\$72 00
Geo. R. Dyer,	48 00
Wm. A. Dyson,	36 00
Betsey A. Hale,	24 00
Edw. F. Hassett,	36 00
Elijah Hinckley,	4 00
Augustus M. Howe,	52 00
Clarrissa K. Howland,	36 00
Henry A. Osborne,	48 00
Nancy W. Pratt,	48 00
Nathan Reed,	50 00
Henry B. Rogers,	48 00
Wm. S. Sampson,	60 00
Thankful O. Trow,	24 00
Selden M. Washburn,	48 00
Abigail K. Winsor,	48 00
	<hr/> \$682 00
Due from State,	682 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid Augustus B. Vickery,		\$96 00
One half due from State,	\$48 00	
One half paid by town,	48 00	
	<hr/>	96 00
No Appropriation.		

SOLDIERS' AID

Paid Ella F. Wentworth,	\$132 00	
John McAvin,	97 21	
	<hr/>	\$229 21
Appropriation,	\$200 00	
Overdrawn,	29 21	
	<hr/>	\$229 21

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid E. E. Edson, Q. M., Post 124, G. A. R.,	\$100 00
Appropriation,	100 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Engineers of Department,	\$525 00
Appropriation,	525 00

HYDRANT SERVICE.

Paid Bridgewater's Water Co.,	\$1,065 00	
Unexpended,	15 00	
	<hr/>	1,080 00
Appropriation,		\$1,080 00

WATER SUPPLY AT ALMSHOUSE.

Paid railroad freight,	\$2 34
Geo. Tyler & Co., windmill,	225 00

Paid D. W. Gurney, lumber,	\$7 28	
C. H. Waterman, stock and labor,	15 41	
	<hr/>	\$250 03
Unexpended,		49 97
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Appropriation,		\$300 00

WATER SUPPLY AT STONE TROUGH.

Paid Bridgewater's Water Company,	\$12 42	
Unexpended,	37 58	
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Appropriation,		\$50 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid I. N. Nutter, treasurer of trustees,	\$400 00	
Appropriation,	400 00	

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Paid for Highways, sidewalks, etc.,	\$6,020 60	
New bridge,	3,326 15	
Street lighting,	355 02	
Curbstone,	304 61	
	<hr/>	\$10,006 38

TOTAL RESOURCES.

For Highways, sidewalks, &c.,	\$5,100 00	
New bridge, unexpended, 1892,	1,492 61	
“ “ appropriation, 1893,	1,000 00	
“ “ voted to borrow, 1894,	1,400 00	
Street lighting,	350 00	
Curbstone,	360 00	
Overdrawn,	303 77	
	<hr/>	\$10,006 38

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Paid N. F. Dunphe, auditor,		\$15 00
Geo. M. Keith, selectman, asses-		
sor and overseer of the poor,	\$22 75	
Geo. M. Keith, teller,	3 00	
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I. N. Nutter, treasurer,	\$37 50	
“ “ expenses and justice,	3 02	
	<hr/>	40 52
A. G. Waterman, selectman, asses-		
sor and overseer of the poor,	\$80 80	
A. G. Waterman, use of team,	10 25	
“ “ exp. F. McGlathery,	5 25	
“ “ railroad fares,	3 29	
“ “ incid'l expenses,	3 03	
	<hr/>	102 62
Joseph H. Strong, selectman, asses-		
sor and overseer of the poor,	\$40 44	
Joseph H. Strong, moderator,	1 50	
“ “ incid'l expenses,	3 12	
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Henry Gurney, selectman, asses-		
sor and overseer of the poor,	\$208 00	
Henry Gurney, railroad fares,	5 10	
“ “ use of horse,	5 00	
“ “ incid'l expenses,	2 05	
	<hr/>	220 15
Wm. T. Greene, inspector of cattle,		12 85
Fred. E. Fuller, registrar,		15 00
Amos Hunting, registrar,	\$15 00	
“ “ ballot clerk,	3 00	
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Paid James W. Latham, ballot clerk,		\$3 00
E. E. Edson, asst. " "		2 00
M. H. Lyons, " " "		2 00
A. B. Parker, teller,		3 00
C. E. Bennett,		3 00
F. W. French, truant officer,		2 50
E. S. Whitmarsh, registrar,	\$15 00	
" " justice,	1 50	
	<hr/>	16 50
E. T. Morse, treas. of school com.,	\$20 00	
" " R. R. fares,	6 00	
	<hr/>	26 00
Robert Young, health officer,		17 75
Dr. A. L. Shirley " "	\$33 00	
" " town physician,	100 00	
	<hr/>	133 00
T. S. H. Rounseville, truant officer,		10 75
Frank Smith, town clerk,	\$40 25	
" " registrar's clerk,	20 00	
" " collector, 1892,	3 14	
" " 1893,	253 43	
Rec. births, marriages, and deaths,	49 75	
	<hr/>	366 57
Jarvis Burrell, treasurer,		112 50
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		\$1,193 52

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Dr. Geo. Hunt, return of births,	\$3 00
Alfred Mudge & Son, printing,	1 75
G. A. Goodall Printing Co., printing town reports,	128 96
D. W. Gurney, distributing town reports,	8 00
M. J. Kiley, circulars,	4 75
E. Robin, opening drain,	3 00

Paid Times Publishing Co., blanks,	\$3 38
E. C. Linfield, advertising annual meeting,	9 00
East Bridgewater Savings Bank, rent of office,	150 00
H. C. Keith, opening drain,	2 00
Town of Hanson, tax,	24
J. Burrell, postal cards and printing,	37 46
Z. A. Jenkins, drain tile,	1 39
Geo. F. Lombard, labor at Town Hall,	3 25
Edmund Campbell, labor at fountain,	11 31
County of Plymouth, board of Patrick Feeney,	19 43
F. M. Shaw, writing,	5 00
C. H. Waterman, repairs, etc.,	7 91
M. S. Curtis, painting,	6 82
Dr. C. E. Field, return of births,	5 75
Alger's Express,	1 75
Frank Smith, medicines, Dr. Shirley,	4 66
F. C. Nutter, blank books,	45
Dr. G. H. Watson, return of births,	1 00
Dr. A. L. Shirley, return of births,	5 00
“ “ “ “ medicines,	9 51
Howard Clark & Co., return of deaths,	2 75
F. S. Howard, return of deaths,	2 50
C. L. McCann, return of deaths,	1 50
Dr. A. V. Lyon, land damage,	50 00
L. Holbrook & Son, return of deaths, 1892-1893,	8 00
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	\$499 52

TRUST FUNDS.

LATHAM FUND.

Amount of fund,		\$500 00
Interest available, Jan. 1, 1893,	\$82 28	
“ for 1893,	24 30	
	<hr/>	106 58
Disbursed during the year,		41 12
Available, Jan. 1, 1894,		65 46

ALDEN FUND.

Amount of fund,		\$2,624 90
Interest available, Jan. 1, 1893,	\$209 95	
“ for 1893,	116 08	
	<hr/>	326 03
Disbursed during the year,		149 47
Available, Jan. 1, 1894,		176 56

JOHNSON FUND.

Amount of fund,		\$1,500 00
Interest for one year,		66 97

This amount has been drawn by the Treasurer, and paid to the Trustees of the Public Library.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT FUND.

Amount in bank, Jan. 1, 1893,	\$145 07	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1894,	6 21	
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In bank, Jan. 1, 1894,		\$151 28

CROSSMAN AND WHITMAN FUND.

In consequence of the change to be made in Bedford Street by the abolition of the grade crossing, and with consent of the donor, no work was done under this fund during the year 1892; the change in grade and location of Bedford Street during the

present year, as ordered by the commission appointed by the court, has resulted in giving us a macadamized road from the line of the railroad to the junction of the new location with Bedford Street, has materially aided the object of the donor of this fund.

Under the direction of the road commissioners we have expended the money at our command in reducing the grade of the street south of the house of Mr. Blackman, and continuing the construction of the stone road as commenced in 1890. The amount of interest available July 1 was \$200, paid as follows :

W. L. Benson,	\$42 50	Elgie Robin,	\$7 00
H. W. Sears,	10 50	O. Maguire,	3 50
H. C. Keith,	20 25	Jas. Roach,	4 00
Samuel Keith,	13 00	Patrick Luddy,	7 00
G. L. Chamberlain,	10 00	Patrick Barrett,	8 75
Dennis Curran,	15 00	T. Murphy,	7 00
Patrick Welsh,	12 00	M. Hennessey,	7 50
J. S. Eastman,	18 00		
Thos. O'Brien,	7 00		\$200 00
James Pellerans,	7 00		

SUMMARY.

AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN.

Abatement of taxes,	\$162 96
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Fire Department,	525 00
Hydrant rental,	1,065 00
Incidental expenses,	499 52
Military aid,	96 00
Public Library,	400 00
Police duty and suppression of crime,	202 05
Road Commissioners,	10,006 38

Support of poor at almshouse,	\$1,469 94
Support of outside poor,	1,793 39
State aid,	682 00
Soldiers' aid,	229 21
Town officers and committees,	1,193 52
Water supply at almshouse and stone trough,	262 45
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	\$18,687 42

LIST OF JURORS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Allen, Granville C.	Gurney, David W.
Alger, George W.	Churchill, Luther,
Burrell, Jarvis.	Howland, George B.
Brett, Royal T.	Keith, Isaac N.
Benson, Walter L.	Keith, Simeon C.
Bird, Quincy C.	Latham, A. Harris.
Brown, George E.	Latham, James W.
Bennett, B. Warren.	Morse, Edward T.
Chandler, Clarence A.	Pratt, Prescott H.
Curtis, Minot C.	Pratt, Charles W.
Curtis, Lucius J.	Porter, Edward A.
Clark, Charles F.	Horton, Irving.
Collamore, Francis.	Shaw, Lester B.
Churchill, Newton.	Sampson, Ezra F.
Caldwell, Wellington.	Safford, Eben C.
Dean, Joshua.	Whitman, William P.
Erskine, Frank L.	Whiting, John M.
Fuller, Fred. E.	Wood, Charles G.
French, Franklin W.	

HENRY GURNEY,
A. G. WATERMAN,
JOSEPH H. STRONG,

Selectmen.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Value of real estate taxed,		\$1,165,674 00
" personal estate taxed,		313,197 00
Town grants,	\$22,740 00	
" debt,	500 00	
State tax,	1,800 00	
County tax,	2,229 10	
	<hr/>	27,269 10
Less from State estimated,		2,500 00
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		\$24,769 10
Overlay,		650 83
Gain by fractions,		01
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		\$25,419 94
Rate of taxation, \$16 per \$1000.		
State tax on poll, \$1, }	\$2 each.	
County tax on poll, \$1, }		
Tax on real estate,	\$18,650 79	
" personal estate,	5,011 15	
" 879 polls,	1,758 00	
	<hr/>	25,419 94
Subsequently assessed on real estate,	\$ 8 00	
" " " 5 polls,	10 00	
	<hr/>	18 00
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Total commitment,		\$25,437 94
Number of houses taxed,		605
" " acres of land taxed,		9,654
" " horses taxed,		463

Number of cows taxed,	422
“ “ other neat stock taxed,	68
“ “ swine taxed,	41
“ “ fowls taxed,	1,880

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Henry Hobill, over taxed,	\$3 20
John S. Eastman, “ “	64
Geo. A. Wright, “ “	1 60
Frederic Bailey, “ “	1 20
Rogers & Sheldon, “ “	16 00
* Cornelius Murry, re-assessed,	4 80
M. L. Webber, over taxed,	6 40
H. Frank Briggs, unable to pay,	80
Wm. Allen, “ “	12 55
Chas. F. Hatch, est. of, “ “	4 40
Frank Smith, collector, on tax of 1891,	\$9 36
“ “ “ “ 1892,	10 41
“ “ “ “ 1893,	91 60
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	111 37
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	\$162 96
* Reassessed to F. Sellers,	4 80
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	\$158 16

HENRY GURNEY,
A. G. WATERMAN,
JOSEPH H. STRONG,

Assessors.

DEPARTMENT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid H. W. Sears, warden,	\$425 00
A. G. Waterman, groceries,	344 84
Z. A. Jenkins, grain,	251 47
Thos. A. Beard, labor on farm,	95 00
John Beard, labor on farm,	36 00
J. M. Whiting, labor on repairs,	10 50
F. C. Nutter, carpets, etc.,	25 10
C. H. Waterman, repairs on furnace,	33 42
M. S. Curtis, painting wagon,	10 00
C. C. Gin Co., stock and labor,	4 10
W. C. Snow & Co., wire grating,	3 50
H. Hathaway, ice,	49 24
E. N. Ward, meat,	114 95
Joshua Dean, coal,	62 07
E. S. Whitmarsh, clothing,	2 75
Dr. C. E. Field, attendance on Kenney,	2 00

\$1,469 94

OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid E. Inglee, estate of, aid to Nath'l Perkins, 1892,	\$25 50
Town of Fairhaven, aid A. L. Darling, 1892,	4 00
W. H. Bussey, 1892,	31 50
P. F. Carroll, 1892,	16 20

Paid State Treasurer, support of Nath'l S. Bouldry,		\$146 00
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Ellen A. Edson,		169 46
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Geo. E. Morey,		96 28
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Catharine Rogers,		169 46
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Robert Washburn,		169 46
Orace Washburn, support of Clara Washburn,	\$65 00	
H. B. Meserve, support of Clara Washburn,	78 00	
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S. J. Mowry, support of Laura Washburn,		78 00
Town of Natick, aid to Hatch family,		144 00
City of Boston, aid to John Burke,		17 00
City of Brockton, aid to G. F. Hill,		5 00
City of Brockton, aid to Mary J. Gurney,		86 95
City of Brockton, aid to Annie Bunker,	\$165 87	
For coal and clothing, aid to Annie Bunker,	37 13	
	<hr/>	203 00
Town of Abington, aid to Albion L. Ramsdell,		7 45
N. S. Perkins, aid to Nath'l Perkins,		88 50

Paid Sophia Harlow, aid to herself,	\$144 00
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AID TO FRANK ALDEN.

A. G. Waterman,	\$5 00	
Joshua Dean,	7 50	
Dr. A. L. Shirley,	57 23	
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AID TO JOHN SNOOK.

Paid Bartley Curran,	2 00	
A. G. Waterman,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$10 00

FOR CARE OF 293 TRAMPS.

Paid T. S. H. Rounseville,	\$87 90	
Z. A. Jenkins, lumber for shed,	9 25	
Geo. F. Lombard, labor “	2 50	
Jos. Little, wood,	8 25	
A. G. Waterman, supplies,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$112 90
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		\$1,937 39

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Received from City of Brockton,	\$144 00	
Town of Bridgewater,	69 73	
Town of Whitman,	23 88	
Town of Abington,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$247 61
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		\$1,689 78

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Cash on hand, January 1, 1893,	\$14 66
Received for cream,	167 94
Team work,	97 36

Received for hay,	\$73 46	
Service of bull,	34 50	
Calves,	29 70	
Meat,	10 45	
Fowls,	5 83	
Apples,	3 84	
Eggs,	1 90	
	<hr/>	\$439 64

CR.

Paid for labor,	\$122 00	
Meat,	55 88	
Blacksmith's work,	41 69	
Butter,	39 98	
Bread,	27 07	
Fish,	25 20	
Wood and cutting,	19 25	
Plough and castings,	16 00	
Clothing,	14 88	
Crockery,	9 30	
Newspaper,	6 00	
Pasturing,	5 00	
Fruit and berries,	3 20	
Painting,	2 00	
Soap,	2 50	
Sundries,	5 84	
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1894,	43 85	
	<hr/>	\$439 64

Total number of inmates during the year,	11
Average number of inmates during the year,	8½
Number of inmates Jan. 1, 1884,	9
Cost per week,	\$3 32½

PRESENT INMATES.

	Age.	Admitted.
Sybil P. Dunbar,		1879
Rebecca Cummings,	80	July 24, 1884
Thomas Griggs,	70	February, 1886
John Kenney,	71	May 2, 1890
Philetta Washburn,	62	May 7, 1890
Benjamin P. Bouldry,	84	October 20, 1891
George Osborne,		August 6, 1892
Susie Tuck,		December 27, 1893

HENRY GURNEY,

A. G. WATERMAN,

JOSEPH H. STRONG,

Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE,

FROM JAN. 1 TO MARCH 6, 1893.

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1.	Cash on hand,	\$75 57	
Feb. 7.	Rec'd of William H. Luddy,	8 00	
" 8.	A. O. Hibernians,		
	Lower Hall,	3 00	
" 14.	A. O. Hibernians,		
	Lower Hall,	3 00	
" 21.	Miss Laura F. Taylor,	3 00	
			<u>\$92 57</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Feb. 17.	Paid Bosworth Brothers,	\$2 25	
March 6.	George F. Lombard,	2 50	
" 6.	A. G. Waterman,	90	
" 6.	T. S. H. Rounseville,	11 00	
" 6.	Joshua Dean,	8 44	
" 6.	C. H. Waterman,	1 60	
" 6.	F. E. Trow, secretary and treasurer,	2 00	
April 6.	M. H. Lyons, treasurer committee for 1893,	63 88	
			<u>\$92 57</u>

C. F. MANN,
GEO. F. LOMBARD,
F. E. TROW,

Committee.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE,

FROM MARCH 6, 1893, TO JAN. 1, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, March 6,	\$63 88	
March 28. Unitarian Society,	8 00	
June 17. Emerson & Ames Co.,	4 00	
Dec. 28. High School reunion,	8 00	
“ 30. Received from St. John’s Society for expenses in- curred by the use of the hall,	74 30	
Interest from Savings Bank,	70	
		<hr/> \$158 88.

EXPENDITURES.

April 3. Mrs. M. J. O’Brien, cleaning,	\$4 50	
“ 3. Mrs. Geo. McDermott, “	3 25	
“ 22. Geo. F. Lombard, labor,	5 00	
“ 24. C. Murray, labor,	50	
June 24. Mrs. Kate Smith, cleaning,	5 50	
“ 24. Mrs. Geo. McDermott, cleaning,	6 50	
Oct. 3. M. S. Curtis, setting glass,	6 00	
Nov. 10. M. Feeney, cutting wood,	1 50	
Dec. 27. Mrs. Geo. McDermott, cleaning,	1 75	
“ 28. Joshua Dean, coal,	6 75	
“ 29. A. G. Waterman,	9 70	
“ 29. Frank Smith,	90	
“ 30. T. H. S. Rounseville, janitor,	64 00	
Cash on hand,	43 03	
		<hr/> \$158 88.

GEO. V. GOODWIN,

JAMES ROACH,

M. H. LYONS,

Town Hall Committee.

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

Amount appropriated,	\$525 00
Balance cash on hand January 1, 1893,	7 60
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Available,	\$532 60
Paid to each company as per vote of town,— \$50.00,	100 00
Janitor service,	44 60
Services at fires,	139 50
Fire alarms (electric),	91 84
Fires in woods,	43 74
Coal,	14 50
Insurance,	30 00
A. G. Waterman, oil, etc.,	7 08
M. L. Webber, use of horses,	16 50
W. L. Benson, use of horses,	10 75
J. M. Whiting, repairs,	2 50
Woven Hose Co.,	2 35
W. K. Churchill, labor, oil, chimneys, etc.,	25 67
Balance cash on hand,	3 57
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	\$532 60

We would recommend an appropriation of \$200.00 for the purchase of a Hook and Ladder truck for the Center company, and also a sufficient amount for a coat of paint for each Hose House which is needed *very much*. Estimated cost, \$125.00.

We find the companies in very good condition and a much greater interest is manifested than ever before.

We have established an electric fire alarm between the two Hose Houses and the E. Carver company's office which is in good working order.

MINOT S. CURTIS, *Chief*.
 JOSHUA DEAN.
 CHARLES F. CLARK.
 IRVING HORTON.
 W. K. CHURCHILL, *Clerk*.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

Several candidates for a position on the Board of Health were balloted for at the regular, as well as the adjourned, town meeting, but only two were finally persuaded to serve.

The work of the Board has considerably increased since last year, and it will, probably, continue to do so as time rolls on, and as the functions of this body are better understood, and their value and importance more and more appreciated.

The time has come when our law-givers have taken the matter into their own hands, and a Board of Health must exist in every community of any size. Science is progressing rapidly in all her departments, and she is, perhaps, taking no greater strides in any two than in the departments of Microscopy and Bacteriology; and this rule regarding Boards of Health has probably arisen, in great part, from the recognized germ-origin, not only of the so-called contagious, but of almost every known disease, and from the necessity of absolute cleanliness and asepsis in connection with them all.

The Board have visited numerous scarlet fever cases this year, and have seen to it that no persons passed in and out of the houses where such cases existed, except those who were absolutely obliged to do so, and that such persons were properly and thoroughly fumigated before their departure. We have, also, visited several horses, and have condemned one as affected with glanders and ordered him disposed of. We have, also, examined and quarantined several tuberculous cattle, and shall see that they are also properly disposed of before their milk and flesh have infected healthy human beings. The Board have also corrected several extreme nuisances.

No Board of Health can do its best work without an appropriation, and it is customary and proper that one should be made. This point was mentioned in this report last year, but no action was taken in the matter. Two hundred dollars should be in the treasury at the beginning of each year, such a part of it to be used in said year, and for such purposes as the health officers deem best.

Who are more beloved than are children by their parents? Perhaps the most important duty of the Board is to strive, by every means, and by all necessary rules and regulations, to prevent the introduction into our public schools, and the spreading there of dangerous contagious diseases. We, therefore, pray for a much more cheerful, and reasonable and rational co-operation on the part of the parents and friends of the children than we have ever met with before, in a work which must, otherwise, be carried on without it, and with much less pleasure to all concerned.

We wish to thank Mr. Wm. Thos. Greene, Inspector of Cattle, for the great assistance which he has rendered us in his department, and otherwise, during the past year.

A. L. SHIRLEY.
ROBERT YOUNG.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Town, at the annual meeting held March 6, 1893, elected Mr. A. B. Parker and Miss Alice E. Strong to serve for three years as trustees, and also elected Miss Mary H. Rust to serve the unexpired portion (two years) of the term for which Mrs. Mary T. Hobart was chosen in March, 1892. Mr. I. N. Nutter was chosen for one year to fill the unexpired portion of the term to which Mr. Q. C. Bird was chosen and declined.

At a meeting of the trustees, held March 14, 1893, Mr. Parker was chosen chairman and I. N. Nutter secretary and treasurer.

Owing to ill health Mrs. Mary T. Hobart, who had served on the Board of Trustees from the organization of the library, tendered her resignation, which was accepted with regret by her associates, as Mrs. Hobart has always shown a great interest in the affairs of the library, and aided greatly in the selection and examination of most of the books added during her term of service.

The plan adopted early in the year of opening the library three afternoons and evenings of each week has justified the action of the trustees, as many have availed themselves of the opportunity by making use of that portion allotted to the public as a reading-room.

It will be seen by reference to the report of the treasurer of the trustees that a full year's income has for the first time been received from the fund given the Town by the late Willard

Johnson. During the year there have been added by purchase 93 volumes, and 24 public documents have been donated. The present number of books in the library is 2,059 (public documents not included).

Number of books given out during year, 8,886, classified as follows : —

Fiction,	62.26+
Juvenile fiction,	21.76+
Historical works,	3.12+
Travels,	3.79+
Poetry and scientific works,	2.02+
Biographies,	2.36+
Magazines,	4.65
Increase in books given out during the year,	2,760
The library was open 152 days.	
Largest number of books given out, Feb. 25,	137
Smallest number, May 29,	14
Average,	.58+
Cards issued,	127
Total number issued since establishment of library,	1,170

A souvenir of the Massachusetts Legislature, for 1892, was donated by Senator I. N. Nutter, and a copy for 1893 was donated by Representative James C. Leach. A fourth supplementary catalogue has been recently printed and can be obtained, without charge, of the librarian.

The following magazines are provided each month for use of the patrons of the library, viz., "Atlantic," "Century," "Harper," and "St. Nicholas."

A. B. PARKER, *Chairman.*

I. N. NUTTER, *Secretary.*

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1893 : —

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand,	\$31 90
Appropriation by Town,	400 00
Lucy L. Siddall, librarian, fines collected,	28 82
“ “ “ catalogues and books sold,	6 93
Town Treasurer, income of Johnson fund,	66 97
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	\$534 62

EXPENDITURES.

F. S. Tolman, catalogues,	\$19 00
Phoenix Insurance Co.,	16 00
Carter, Rice & Co., paper for covering books,	15 00
Satucket Masonic B'ld'g Association, rent one year,	125 00
T. S. H. Rounseville, care of room,	24 00
W. B. Clarke & Co., for books,	113 73
E. W. Nutter, magazines,	11 01
Jas. H. Lamb, American Encyclopedia,	6 00
F. C. Nutter and others, supplies,	1 85
J. W. Foye & Son, window screens,	3 75
Express and freight,	5 35
J. Burrell, slips and cards,	9 75
H. M. Plimpton & Co., binding books and magazines,	9 61
Post-office box rent,	15
Lucy L. Siddall, salary as librarian,	150 00
A. J. Waterman, oil and supplies,	6 68
S. L. Seaver, book-case,	12 83
Lucy L. Siddall, paid for cleaning library, \$2.00,	
wood, \$1.00,	3 00
Cash on hand,	1 91
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	\$534 62

I. N. NUTTER,

Treas. of the Trustees of Public Library.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 1, 1894.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

JARVIS BURRELL, *Town Treasurer,*

In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1893.		DR.	
Feb.	4.	Balance as per previous report,	\$1,227 72
March	2.	Clerk of Police Court, Brockton, fine,	5 00
	9.	Town of Bridgewater, aid to Frank Alden,	55 38
	9.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of,	3,000 00
	14.	Frank Smith, Collector, on account of taxes for 1892,	27 50
	14.	Frank Smith, Collector, covered by collector's deed, estate of Albert J. Forsman,	30 97
	14.	State Treasurer, National Bank Tax,	23 31
	16.	Frank Briggs, peddler's license,	8 00
	31.	James A. Cook, peddler's license,	8 00
April	15.	Plymouth County Safe Deposit and Trust Co., borrowed of,	3,000 00
	22.	Frank Smith, for license of sixth class,	1 00
May	20.	Plymouth County Safe Deposit and Trust Co., borrowed of,	3,000 00
July	1.	Brockton National Bank, borrowed of,	3,000 00
	14.	State Treasurer, on account of Supt. of Schools,	1,024 37
	31.	Clerk of Police Court, Brockton, fine,	10 00
Aug.	12.	Geo. W. Parker, borrowed of,	500 00
	18.	Individual notes, borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	1,075 00

Aug.	20.	Plymouth County Safe Deposit and Trust Co., borrowed of,	\$1,800 00
Oct.	6.	J. H. Fullerton, peddler's license,	8 00
	6.	R. W. Gauge, redeeming estate of A. J. Forsman sold for taxes,	30 97
	6.	R. W. Gauge, interest,	1 90
Nov.	1.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of,	900 00
	8.	Fall River Savings Bank, income of Johnson fund,	24 02
Dec.	12.	State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	1,830 97
	12.	State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	839 72
	12.	State Treasurer, Military Aid,	48 00
	12.	State Treasurer, State Aid,	605 00
	25.	County Treasurer, account of Bedford Street bridge,	1,150 00
	25.	Frank Smith, Town Clerk, amount received from pool table licenses,	4 00
1894.			
Jan.	4.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, income of the Johnson Fund,	42 95
	6.	Town of Abington, aid to John F. Snook,	10 00
	6.	City of Brockton, aid to Sophia Harlow,	144 00
	22.	County Treasurer, dividend on dog tax,	421 12
	26.	State Treasurer, income of Mass. school fund,	233 54
Feb.	1.	Town of Whitman, account military settlements,	23 88
	5.	Frank Smith, account of taxes of 1891,	12 80
	5.	" " " " " 1892,	20 57
	5.	" " " " " 1893,	25,435 00
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			\$49,582 69

1893.		Cr.	
Feb.	6.	Benjamin Siddall, court fees,	\$3 50
March	2.	T. S. H. Rounseville, court fees,	6 47
	13.	Ed. E. Edson, court fees,	6 60
	14.	Frank Smith, Collector, for deed of real estate taxed to A. J. Forsman, including tax of 1892, interest and charges,	30 97
	29.	New Bedford Institute for Savings, interest,	67 50
	29.	New Bedford Institute, for Savings, account of principal,	500 00
April	22.	State Treasurer, account of license fee,	25
June	3.	S. O. Cobb, court fees,	6 60
July	1.	Brockton National Bank, interest,	46 50
	3.	Benjamin Siddall, court fees,	1 78
	31.	Benjamin Siddall, court fees,	7 33
Aug.	19.	Town of Raynham, proportion of State Fund,	86 87
	19.	Town of West Bridgewater, propor- tion of State Fund,	142 65
	26.	Plymouth County Safe Deposit and Trust Co., interest,	43 75
Oct.	2.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note,	3,000 00
	2.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, in- terest,	84 59
	2.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, interest,	56 25
	3.	Brockton National Bank, note,	3,000 00
	14.	Individual notes and interest,	682 46
	16.	Plymouth County Safe Deposit and Trust Co., interest,	140 00

Oct.	16.	Plymouth County Safe Deposit and Trust Co., note,	\$3,000 00
Nov.	9.	Trustees of Public Library, income of Johnson Fund,	24 02
Dec.	4.	S. O. Cobb, court fees,	4 57
	4.	Benjamin Siddall, court fees,	3 98
	12.	State Treasurer, State tax,	1,800 00
	26.	Plymouth County Safe Deposit and Trust Co., account note,	2,000 00
	26.	County Treasurer, County tax,	2,229 10
	30.	Plymouth County Safe Deposit and Trust Co., note,	1,800 00
1894.			
Jan.	2.	S. O. Cobb, court fees,	7 50
	4.	Trustees of Public Library, income of Johnson Fund,	42 95
	4.	City of Brockton, aid to Mrs. Bunker,	\$165 87
	4.	City of Brockton, aid to Mary J. Gurney,	86 95
	4.	City of Brockton, aid to J. F. Hill,	5 00
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			\$257 82
Less amount of town order,			113 82
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			144 00
Orders drawn by school committee,			10,180 91
Orders drawn by selectmen,			18,687 42
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			\$47,838 52
Feb.	5.	Cash on hand,	1,744 17
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			\$49,582 69

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Thirty-nine marriages have been recorded for the year 1893.

Date of Marriage.	Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence.
1893.	
Jan.	4. George R. Whiting, of Franklin, and Mary W. Sprague, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
	7. Albert J. Pettengill, of Whitman, and Euphemia McVicker, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. H. S. Hunnewell.
	12. Matthew Meade, of Brockton, and Kate Desmond, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Wm. E. Kelly.
	19. Louis Vella and Marie Bernard, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Feb.	9. George F. Murdock, of Stow, and Abbie B. Wade, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
	14. Bernard J. McElhiney, of Brockton, and Theresa Sites, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Jos. E. Keyes.
April	4. Moses F. Tardie and Emma Thiroux, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.
	18. Joseph Bauchard and Aglen Thebeau, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.
May	2. George M. Webber and Clara E. White, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

- May 10. Harrison O. Turner and Evelyn P. Merrill, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.
14. George A. Everett and Carrie L. Stetson, both of Whitman. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
27. Albert H. Long and Zelenda I. Stearns, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Geo. B. Lawton.
30. Alton L. Richards and Edie S. Sturtevant, both of Halifax. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- June 3. Stafford I. Keith and Mary L. Bird, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
15. John Maguire of East Bridgewater and Mary Dee of Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.
17. William H. Watson and Mary H. Perkins, both of Halifax. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
20. Joseph Boutin of Middleboro, and Annie Gregoire of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.
25. Andrew P. Sturtevant and Myra McKeagan, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. O. A. Farley.
- July 5. James H. Broughton and Louise Allen, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Frank H. Palmer.
13. Parker Plummer, of Brockton, and Mary E. Sturtevant, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. N. C. Alger.
19. Timothy Kelley and Joanna O'Brien, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Wm. E. Kelly.
19. William F. Benson and Josephine A. Howe, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
24. Elmer H. Doughty and Huldah A. Brett, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. M. B. Wilson.

- July 25. Arthur Bargeson and Lizzie Robin, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.
- Aug. 10. Michael F. Feeney, of East Bridgewater, and Jennie Harvey, of Bridgewater. By Rev. Wm. E. Kelly.
13. Harvey D. McGray and Bessie B. Videto, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. A. L. Gerrish.
17. William J. Murphy and Mary L. Cunningham, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
17. George F. Ryder, of West Bridgewater, and Grace M. Adams, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Frank H. Palmer.
23. John E. Weston and Carrie A. Spaulding, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
- Sept. 2. Frank A. Bradford and Jessie H. Hunting, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Frank H. Palmer.
24. Sylvester Baxter, of Malden, and Lucia A. Millet, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
30. Charles E. Osborne, of East Bridgewater, and Isabella J. Bailey of Cambridgeport. By Rev. Alexander Blackburn.
- Oct. 5. John Cummings, of East Bridgewater, and Ellen Barrows, of Brockton. By Rev. F. J. Glynn.
5. Francis E. Churchill, of Brockton, and Alice B. Flagg, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. M. B. Wilson.
8. Andrew Q. Hall and Fannie O. Vickery, both of Halifax. By Rev. Frank H. Palmer.

- Oct. 12. Frank H. Abbott and Susie W. Sturtevant, both
of Brockton. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
22. Fred E. McKenzie and Armedia A. Benjamin,
both of East Bridgewater. By George D.
Soule, J. P.
- Nov. 30. Frank A. Chamberlain, of East Bridgewater, and
Ellen A. Watson, of Halifax. By Rev. J. W.
Quinby.
- Dec. 23. Herbert E. Williams and Lulu E. Hilton, both
of Brockton. By Rev. M. B. Wilson.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER, FOR
THE YEAR 1893.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1893.		
Jan. 3,	Benjamin Harrison Bearse . . .	Walter P. and Lillian F.
" 8,	Mabel Elene Hagan	Peter and Maty.
" 13,	Joseph Everett McIlvine . . .	David W. and Ina M.
" 24,	Leonard Porter Churchill . . .	Arthur T. and Louie E.
" 25,	John Perry	John and Annie.
" 30,	Bessie Lewis Chamberlain . . .	Lewis and Rena M.
Feb. 1,	Mary Ellen McCarty	Michael J. and Maggie.
" 14,	Priscilla Hope Loucraft	George I. and Nellie C.
" 17,	Bertha Linwood Lindsey	Ernest W. and Elizabeth H.
March 12,	Albert Louis Brown	Louis E. and Lizzie C.
" 14,	Louise Chilton Harris	Robert O. and Josie D.
" 15,	Lizzie Crowley Roach	James and Elizabeth A.
" 17,	Hattie Georgia Ferris	H. A. and Mattie E.
" 21,	Delbert Arthur Coleman	George B. and Inez E.
" 22,	Mary Ella Kennealy	Edmund and Mary.
" 22,	Laura Trudeau	William M. and Sophia M.
" 27,	Nellie Sawyer Potter	Charles and Emma.
" 28,	Grace Helena Daley	Charles S. and Sarah S.
" 30,	Napoleon Bellmore	Octave and Eliza.
April 9,	Mildred Ashton Spear	Charles A. and Lillian E.
" 10,	Harold Earle Clark	Andrew and Jane.
" 23,	Selee McCabe Massey	Lucius H. and Minnie A.
May 1,	William Henry Crowley	Patrick H. and Annie.
" 18,	Ethel Margaret Morrison	Alexander G. and Annie B.
June 5,	Elzear Robin, Jr.	Elzear and Eliza.
" 20,	Pearl Evelyn Bouldry	James and Clara T. T.
July 4,	David Chester Lincoln Bonnall,	John and Mary.
" 9,	Nora Teresa Cook	James A. and Walburga.
Aug. 1,	Margaret Curran	Bartley and Aun.
" 3,	Forrest Thayer Sturtevant . . .	James W. and Caroline A.
" 8,	William Henry Kingston	Joseph J. and Alice A.
" 10,	George Frank Whitman	Asa and Ellen M.
" 16,	Mary Elizabeth Duane	William M. and Mary E.
" 21,	Lillian Frances Smith	George H. and Matilda.
" 22,	Harriet Walsh Chamberlain . . .	George L. and Etta M.
" 28,	Mildred Holbrook Pratt	Charles W. and Ella A.
Sept. 4,	Archie Clifford Gilman	Harris A. and Rosie L.
" 8,	Mary Ann Quill	Timothy and Hannah.
" 14,	Joseph Noel Thibeault	Nazaire and Marie.
" 18,	James Carroll	Patrick F. and Bridget.
" 19,	Ralph Carleton Wernstrom . . .	Thomas and Belinda.
" 27,	— Whitmarsh	Ezra S. and Lucy C.
Oct. 1,	Katherine Brown Alger	George W. and Corelli C.

BIRTHS. — *Continued.*

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1893.		
Oct. 3,	Joseph Mitchell Chandler . . .	Clarence A. and Alice M.
" 9,	Allan Richmond Howe . . .	Josiah R. and Eva F.
" 20,	Mary Ledea Little . . .	Philias and Severine.
" 27,	Marjorie Shaw . . .	Walter C. and Mary Alice.
" 30,	John Herbert Alexander . . .	John K. and Mary E.
Nov. 3,	Eugene Clyde Pettengill . . .	Albert J. and Euphemia.
" 4,	Leon Ellsworth Beals . . .	Nellie E. Beals.
" 5,	Mary Eda Mondeau . . .	Narcisse and Adeline.
" 5,	Fred Norton Blanchard . . .	William H. and Lillian J.
" 6,	William Joseph Carroll . . .	John W. and Annie.
" 10,	Ruth Esther Pratt . . .	Prescott H. and Agnes C.
" 13,	Preston Harris Pratt . . .	Alonzo A. and Julia E.
" 16,	Hermon Edward Morse . . .	Edward T. and Hattie M.
" 20,	Arthur Gordon Jarvis . . .	John B. and Mary E.
" 23,	Jessie Ruth Adam . . .	George and Abbie A.
" 24,	Clifton James Adam . . .	John and Mary.
" 25,	John Timothy Murphy . . .	John J. and Mary E.
Dec. 7,	Ellen Pendergrast . . .	James and Sarah.
" 14,	George Arthur Little . . .	Joseph and Albina.
" 20,	Joseph Elzeara Pelerans . . .	Joseph and Archange.
" 24,	Arthur Jordan Baxter . . .	William C. and Maggie.
" 30,	Inez Healey Young . . .	Fred M. and Florence M.
1892.		
Feb. 22,	Sarah Gertrude Moore . . .	Robert J. and Jessie G.
" 27,	Kenneth Lovell Sampson . . .	Elmer E. and Jennie L.
June 2,	Louis Wilfred Mondeau . . .	Narcisse and Adeline.

Whole number of births in 1893, 65.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER, FOR
THE YEAR 1893.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1893.					
Jan. 23,	{ Child of Alfred E. } { and Etta Eburn . }	-	-	-	Stillborn.
" 24,	George R. Lyon . . .	41	8	5	Typhoid pneumonia.
" 26,	Maria B. Allen . . .	86	8	16	Heart failure.
" 28,	Mary Demond . . .	58	-	-	Disease of liver.
" 30,	Patrick W. Birmingham,	72	-	-	Paralysis.
" 31,	Harriet W. Westgate .	59	5	11	Pneumonia.
" 31,	Aaron Marden . . .	75	7	6	Apoplexy.
Feb. 8,	William B. Ripley . .	59	3	28	Angina pectoris.
" 9,	Cornelius E. Hooper .	72	10	26	Catarrhal pneumonia.
" 12,	Sarah B. Perrigo . . .	82	3	21	Chronic catarrh, bowels.
" 18,	Edith Beatrice Morrison,	-	10	23	Broncho-pneumonia.
March 2,	Allan Shirley Ellis . .	-	6	10	Organic heart disease.
" 7,	Frances Silva . . .	-	4	6	Broncho-pneumonia.
" 11,	Joanna S. Washburn .	81	10	13	Old age.
" 15,	{ Child of James and } { Lizzie A. Roach . }	-	-	-	Stillborn.
" 15,	Lizzie A. Roach . . .	27	4	13	Hemorrhage and shock.
" 15,	Eliphalet S. Davenport,	83	11	4	Old age.
" 16,	Ezra T. Fuller . . .	67	10	11	Cirrhosis of liver.
" 21,	Asa Millet	79	3	-	{ Softening of brain and hemiplegia.
" 22,	Lydia Ryder	74	3	13	Cancer.
" 23,	Susan A. Latham . . .	77	4	12	Malignant disease, liver.
" 24,	Mary Ella Kennealy . .	-	-	2	Inanition.
" 24,	Louisa B. Hayward . .	42	7	20	Pneumonia.
April 17,	Catherine Harding . .	60	9	13	Cancer of stomach.
" 24,	Joseph Jones	82	11	11	Old age.
" 25,	Albert Louis Brown . .	-	1	13	Erysipelas.
May 2,	Joanna Allen	79	-	-	Acute intestinal catarrh
" 24,	Jane W. Sherman . . .	86	2	15	Congestion of brain.
June 10,	{ Child of Timothy and } { Dennise Burdeaux, }	-	-	-	Stillborn.
" 30,	Susan Lothrop	82	7	-	Old age.
" 30,	Harriet Perkins	80	11	4	Old age.
July 5,	Gertrude J. Cook . . .	1	7	-	Tubercular meningitis.
" 7,	Child of Philius Petite .	1	6	-	Cholera morbus.
" 11,	David F. Welch	23	1	1	Consumption.
" 14,	Abigail R. Keith . . .	88	1	19	Cirrhosis of liver.
" 21,	George E. Morey . . .	28	-	-	Chronic melancholia.
" 22,	Michael Daley	80	-	-	Cancer.

DEATHS. — *Continued.*

DATE OF DEATH.		NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
			Years.	Months.	Days.	
1893.						
July	24,	Cephas A. Porter . . .	68	—	—	Heart disease.
"	30,	Samuel F. White . . .	78	9	18	Paralysis.
Aug.	12,	Joseph M. Loucraft . .	56	5	15	Uræmia.
"	15,	Sally Crowell	70	10	—	Locomotor ataxia.
"	23,	Harold Earle Clark . .	—	4	13	Cholera infantum.
Sept.	18,	Catherine Barrett . .	62	—	—	Apoplexy.
Oct.	5,	Ebenezer Whitmarsh . .	76	9	—	Diabetes.
"	13,	Harold A. Poole	12	4	26	Consumption of brain.
"	24,	Lincoln Everett Packard,	—	6	10	Meningitis.
"	31,	Rosa McHugh	17	11	12	Phthisis pulmonalis.
Nov.	6,	William H. Blanchard . .	23	6	—	Cerebral hemorrhage.
"	7,	Sarah E. Frizelle . . .	41	11	25	Cancer.
"	10,	Alice P. Eustis	25	—	25	Phthisis pulmonalis.
"	17,	Darius E. Holmes . . .	61	3	16	Chronic alcoholism.
"	22,	Julia E. Pratt	18	7	—	Puerperal fever.
Dec.	14,	Deborah L. Wright . . .	75	—	—	Organic heart disease.
"	16,	Julia A. Standish . . .	66	9	22	Chron. bronchial catarrh
"	19,	Elijah Hinkley	77	7	—	Uræmia.
"	25,	Sarah Conant	91	—	—	Catarrhal pneumonia.
"	26,	Sarah A. Horton	70	9	—	Catarrhal pneumonia.
"	27,	Charles E. Osborne . . .	37	11	—	Typhoid fever.
"	31,	Susan Latham	81	10	13	Old age.
"	31,	Cyrenus W. Blanchard .	65	4	8	Angina pectoris.
1892.						
Jan.	23,	Caroline B. Whitman . .	68	3	26	Pneumonia.

Whole number of deaths in 1893, 60.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

FRANK SMITH, *Collector*,

In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1891.	DR.		
To amount uncollected,			\$57 76
	CR.		
By amount paid Treasurer,		\$12 80	
By amount uncollected,		44 96	
		<hr/>	\$57 76
1892.	DR.		
To amount uncollected,			\$121 85
To amount interest collected,			1 56
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			\$123 41
	CR.		
By amount paid Treasurer,		\$79 04	
By amount uncollected,		44 37	
		<hr/>	\$123 41

The amount uncollected for the years 1891 and 1892 is a part of the amount of tax assessed upon lots sold by the Hanson Land Co.

1893.	DR.		
To amount committed by Assessors,			\$25,437 94
To amount committed by Road Com-			
missioners,			182 17
To amount of interest collected,			127 25
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			\$25,747 36

CR.

By amount paid Treasurer,	\$25,435 00
By amount uncollected,	312 36
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The whole amount committed by the Road Commissioners
has been collected.

FRANK SMITH, *Collector*.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 5, 1894.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

We have paid for labor and material on highways, bridges, and sidewalks : —

Paid Fred Abbott,	\$12 25
Nahum Allen,	3 00
G. C. Allen,	2 00
W. L. Benson,	128 71
John Burgess,	9 00
A. Blanchard,	21 00
Thos. O'Brien,	196 31
Patrick Barrett,	222 08
John Brown,	11 86
A. K. Benson,	2 00
Jarvis Burrill,	1 30
Geo. Chamberlin,	249 50
E. Campbell,	25 47
E. L. Clarke,	50
B. Curran,	12 67
D. Curran,	309 31
Alger & Co., express,	5 35
D. F. Edson,	1 00
E. T. Ellis,	20 00
John S. Eastman,	44 75
Frank W. French,	5 25
Wm. Green,	35 00
J. C. Gilbert,	3 12
D. W. Gurney,	46 58

Paid M. Hennessey,	\$89 49
L. B. Hayward,	18 78
L. W. Harding,	2 40
Luther Harding,	3 07
Geo. B. Howland,	78
Noah Harding,	13 30
Lydia A Hale,	19 48
Herbert Harding,	12 25
Zenas A. Jenkins,	80 02
J. E. Josselyn,	29 94
Eugene Keith,	19 25
Sam'l Keith,	268 08
H. C. Keith,	288 62
Freedom Keith,	208 03
Ezra Kingman,	4 75
Nahum Keith,	50 35
F. L. Keith,	65 80
Albert Kelley,	8 00
Lysander Keith,	3 33
Wm. H. Leary,	116 47
Patrick Luddy,	177 51
E. Linay,	3 50
Eliab Latham,	49 00
A. H. Latham,	20 20
A. Leclair,	4 00
Tim Murphy,	172 54
Con. Murray,	12 07
S. R. McKenzie,	24 00
F. C. Nutter,	4 25
Chas. Osborne,	3 50
David H. Pratt,	26 73
Noah Prescott,	84 00

Paid C. H. Paine,	\$5 50
Frank Pratt,	16 53
Ames Plow Co.,	26 09
Jas. Pellham,	103 15
Geo. McQuestin & Co.,	171 94
James Roach,	365 60
E. Robbin,	95 48
O. Robbin,	12 24
N. Y., N. H. & H. Ry.,	10 00
F. B. Rollins,	3 25
Henry Sears,	50 68
Ira Sumner,	1 75
G. D. Stedman,	23 00
Geo. Sites,	8 55
Thos. O. Simes,	5 25
A. H. Trott,	9 00
C. E. Thayer,	14 31
A. T. White,	17 36
Henry Webb,	56 13
Benj. Ward,	14 00
Galen Wellis,	13 11
M. L. Webber,	18 00
A. Winsor,	2 70
Luther Wade,	15 75
Oris Washburn,	9 00
Patrick Welch,	319 83
C. H. Waterman,	8 50
A. K. Howland,	14 39
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	\$4,662 59

From the preceding amount we have paid for bridges, culverts, and sidewalks : —

REPAIRS ON BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

On Sheldon Bridge :

Paid for lumber,	\$191 37	
spikes,	3 00	
cement,	5 10	
use derrick,	9 00	
freight and carting lum-		
ber,	19 00	
labor,	150 42	
stone,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$382 89

On Robbins Pond bridge :

Paid for labor,	\$38 67	
nails,	1 50	
lumber and carting,	39 32	
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on Union Street culvert, labor,	7 50	
Laurel Street culvert, “	2 00	
Bedford Street culvert, “	6 72	
plank on hand,	36 43	
stone “ “	20 00	

\$535 03

repairs on sidewalks on Central Street,	\$87 00	
“ “ “ “ Bedford “	93 65	
“ “ “ “ Plymouth “	23 95	
“ “ “ “ Union “	15 25	
“ “ “ “ West “	40 15	
“ “ “ “ Elm “	17 00	
new sidewalk on Laurel Street,	125 39	

Street crossings on West Street :

Paid for stone,	\$28 56	
carting stone,	5 50	
labor setting stone,	17 80	
	<hr/>	\$51 86

Crossing on Central Street :

Paid for stone,	\$26 88	
carting stone,	5 50	
labor setting stone,	14 65	
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stone on hand,		33 75
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		\$535 03

Paid for clearing streets and sidewalks of snow :

W. L. Benson,	\$32 60
S. R. McKenzie,	47 05
Geo. L. Chamberlin,	24 25
John S. Eastman,	18 80
W. W. McKenzie,	1 60
Chas. Thrasher,	1 40
Israel Thrasher,	1 60
Thos. Adams,	1 80
B. P. Beals,	1 60
John Burgess,	22 20
F. W. Porter,	1 60
I. T. Hatch,	24 00
A. H. Trott,	1 60
Pat Luddy,	6 00
Bartley Curran,	16 60
Thos. O'Brien,	22 60
C. E. Osborne,	40
W. K. Churchill,	50
Chas. E. Brown,	2 00

Paid Hosea Hathaway,	\$3 80
H. C. Keith,	28 90
Pat Barrett,	3 60
J. T. Hill,	1 40
E. F. Keith,	3 50
James Roach,	44 15
Pat. Welch,	7 00
James Shaw,	1 40
I. Fuller,	8 00
Samuel Keith,	7 60
J. C. Allen,	1 00
F. A. Hunting,	50
A. W. Washburn,	11 20
Thos. Bouldry,	1 40
E. L. Clarke,	29 70
W. Keene,	2 40
Luther Harding,	6 20
Sam J. Hoit,	16 00
M. Wilder,	1 80
Geo. W. Holmes,	2 50
F. A. Quimby,	2 50
C. H. Soule,	1 30
L. J. Giddings,	3 20
Francis Hayward,	2 20
C. S. Whitman,	1 50
R. Bouldry,	1 00
A. G. Morrison,	1 00
Theo. Hobart,	2 20
J. A. Sampson,	80

 \$425 95

A new arch bridge has been built on Bedford Street, as voted by Town.

Paid Henry Webb, as per contract, for stone work,	\$3,406 90
Geo. L. Chamberlin, labor for grading,	30 00
W. L. Benson, “	37 50
Saml. Keith, “	67 50
James Roach, “	80 50
Dennis Curran, “	37 75
Patrick Welch, “	46 25
Thos. O'Brien, “	26 25
Patrick Barrett, “	16 63
Tim Murphy, “	28 00
W. H. Leary, “	25 38
E. Robbin, “	9 20
M. Hennesy, “	15 00
Benj. Siddall, “	2 25
Eugene Keith, “	7 00
Zenas A. Jenkins, drain pipe,	48 48
Carver Cotton Gin Co., steel rods,	3 48
John Burgess, cedar posts,	10 83
T. Reed, labor,	1 00
C. H. Waterman, lead,	50
Zenas A. Jenkins, lumber and nails,	26 24
Con. Murray, two gratings,	7 69
M. S. Curtis, painting,	3 25
Geo. Folson, gravel,	25 45
V. W. Keith, typewriting,	1 25
John Eastman, labor,	31 50
C. W. Siddall, care of lanterns,	10 00
Amos Hunting, oil,	1 50

\$4,007 28

We have constructed a sidewalk on Central and Union Streets as voted by Town, by placing curbstones there and concreting the walks. There has been expended for the curbing and concreting :

Paid Noah Prescott, for curbstones,	\$213 61
Freedon Keith, for team work,	5 00
Geo. L. Chamberlin, for labor,	15 00
Patrick Barrett, “	8 75
H. C. Keith, “	8 50
Dennis Curran, “	13 94
J. Pelham, “	3 31
Tim Murphy, “	7 00
Thos. O'Brien, “	5 25
Sam'l Keith, “	5 00
Patrick Luddy, “	8 75
Patrick Welch, “	8 94
E. Robbin, “	1 56
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	\$304 61
Phillip W. Cornwell, for concreting,	250 93

There was expended in front of the several estates for curbstone and concreting :

M. L. Webber, estate,	\$77 62
Alfred Griffin, “	158 95
Masonic Building Association, estate,	100 54
Mrs. J. O. Vinton, estate,	58 58
C. C. Woodward estate,	62 05
I. N. Nutter estate,	97 80
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	\$555 54

We have assessed the several estates the following amounts :

M. L. Webber, estate,	\$12 00
A. Griffin, “	30 00
I. N. Nutter, “	48 90
Masonic Building Asso'n, estate,	50 27
Mrs. J. O. Vinton, “	24 00
C. C. Woodward, “	17 00
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	\$182 17

STREET LIGHTING.

Paid F. O. Dewey, for 24 lanterns, complete,	\$108 00
“ for 6 dozen chimneys,	3 90
“ for freight on same,	2 20
John Burgess, for posts,	10 35
C. H. Waterman, for oil can,	3 97
“ for repairs on lanterns,	42
Samuel Keith, for time and expenses to Boston,	3 50
“ for locating and setting lanterns,	8 50
Eugene Keith, for setting posts and hanging lanterns,	12 56
H. C. Keith, for setting posts and hanging lanterns,	8 53
A. E. Ebrow, for repairing lanterns,	4 25
A. G. Waterman, for oil, chimneys, etc.,	70 70
W. K. Churchill, for oil, etc.,	3 07
A. Hunting, for oil and chimneys,	8 61
G. W. Holmes, for oil and chimneys,	1 30
A. E. Ebrow, for lighting,	10 00
G. W. Holmes, for lighting,	9 00
H. C. Thorndike, for lighting,	4 05
ner Knapp, for lighting,	25 00

Paid Ansel Ward, for lighting,	\$4 50
John Luddy, for lighting,	5 86
P. F. Keith, for lighting,	1 75
Howard F. Bonney, for lighting,	1 50
Chas. F. Grow, for lighting,	43 50

\$355 02

We are now lighting 58 street lanterns,	
at an expense for lighting, per month,	\$19 00
Estimated expense for oil, chimneys, etc.,	11 00
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	\$30 00

RECAPITULATION.

AVAILABLE.

Highways,	\$3,500 00
Bridges and culverts,	500 00
Sidewalks and street crossings,	600 00
Removing snow,	500 00
Curbstone and concrete,	360 00
Street lighting,	350 00
Appropriation for arch bridge,	1,000 00
Borrowed, to be paid in 1894,	1,400 00
Taxes assessed for betterments for curbing and concreting sidewalks,	182 17
The County Commissioners very generously al- lowed us, on account of the expense of the stone arch bridge,	1,150 00
Unexpended appropriation in 1892 for arch bridge,	1,492 61
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	\$11,034 78

EXPENDED.

Repairing highways,	\$3,337 11
Building new road near Robbins Pond,	255 42
Bridges,	535 03
Repairing sidewalks,	277 00
New sidewalks,	125 39
Street crossings,	98 89
Flag-stone on hand,	33 75
Removing snow from streets and sidewalks,	425 95
New arch bridge,	4,007 28
Concreting,	250 93
Curbstone,	304 61
Street lighting,	355 02
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	\$10,006 38
Unexpended,	1,028 40
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	\$11,034 78

SAM'L KEITH,
H. C. KEITH,
GEO. L. CHAMBERLAIN,
Road Commissioners.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the various town officers, and beg leave to report as follows : —

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on treasurer,	\$18,687 42
Amount of orders paid by treasurer,	18,687 42

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on treasurer,	\$10,180 91
Amount of orders paid by treasurer,	10,180 91

TREASURER.

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1893, and received during the year,	\$49,582 69
Amount paid out during the year,	47,838 52
Cash on hand,	<u>\$1,744 17</u>

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection,	\$25,437 94
Amount committed by Road Commissioners,	182 17
Interest,	<u>127 25</u>
	\$25,747 36
Amount paid to treasurer,	<u>25,435 00</u>
Uncollected taxes,	\$312 36

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1893, and received during the year ending Dec. 31, 1893,	\$439 64
Amount paid out during the year ending Dec. 31, 1893,	395 79

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1894,	\$43 85
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Total valuation, \$1,478,871.

Rate per \$1,000, \$16.

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. DUNPHE,

Auditor.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS., Feb. 12, 1894.

TOWN MEETING.

The annual town meeting will be held on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at 1 o'clock P. M., at which the following articles will be acted upon : —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the reports of town officers and committees.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to pay all town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To adopt some method for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To vote upon the question : "SHALL LICENSES BE GRANTED FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN THIS TOWN?"

ART. 8. To act upon a list of jurors as proposed by the selectmen.

ART. 9. To see if the town will instruct the Road Commissioners to petition the County Commissioners for a change of grade in Plymouth Street near the house of E. W. Nutter.

ART. 10. To see if the town will take any action in relation to making the highway leading from Brockton to Plymouth a State road. By request.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to join with the towns of Kingston, West Bridgewater, Raynham, Halifax, and Hanson, any one or more of them, for the formation of a

school district in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1893. By request.

ART. 12. To see if the town will appropriate money to pay the salary of a School Superintendent, chosen under the provisions of Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1893. By request.

ART. 13. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to enter into a contract, on behalf of the town, for the lighting of streets and public buildings with electricity, with any person, persons, or corporation, who shall establish, or shall have established, in this town a plant for producing light and power by electricity ; provided, that no such contract shall run for a period of more than five years. By request.

ART. 14. To see if the town will appropriate money, and, if so, what sum, for carrying into effect any contract made under the foregoing article. By request.

ART. 15. To see if the town will instruct the road commissioners regarding shade trees. By request.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS JAN. 1, 1894.

LIABILITIES.

Due on note to New Bedford Institution for Savings, dated April 2, 1888, \$500 payable yearly,	\$2,500 00	
Interest to Dec. 31, 1893,	28 12	
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* Due on note to G. W. Parker, dated Aug. 12, 1893, payable in 1894,	\$500 00	
Interest to Dec. 31, 1893,	11 58	
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* Due on note to E. B. Savings Bank, dated Nov. 1, 1893, payable in 1894,	\$900 00	
Interest to Dec. 31, 1893,	9 00	
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Due on three notes given in anticipation of taxes of 1893, interest to Dec. 31,		404 71
Due on note to Plymouth County Safe Deposit and Trust Co., taxes of 1893, interest to Dec. 31,		1,023 49
Due the Commonwealth, support of N. S. Bouldry,		36 80
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		\$5,413 70

ASSETS.

Due from State, State aid paid,	\$682 00
“ “ “ military aid paid,	48 00
“ “ town of Bridgewater, aid to F. Alden,	69 73
Rec'd from town of Whitman, military settlements,	23 88
“ “ uncollected taxes,	312 36
Cash in treasury,	1,744 17
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	\$2,880 14

* Hired on account of new bridge.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER,

AND

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

FOR THE YEAR 1893.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1894.

Spring Term begins March 26 ; closes June 15.

Fall Term begins Sept. 10 ; closes Dec. 22. Vacation of Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

Winter Term begins Jan. 7, 1895 ; closes March 15, 1895.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring Term begins March 19 ; closes June 29.

Fall Term begins Sept. 10 ; closes Dec. 22. Vacation of Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

Winter Term begins Dec. 31 ; closes March 15, 1895.

Holidays Occurring in Term Time. — Every Saturday ; Washington's Birthday ; Decoration Day ; two days of agricultural fairs ; half days to meet the Superintendent, and days of the Plymouth County Teachers' Association.

Storm Signals. — 11-111111 — two blows, pause ; six blows, struck three times on church bells at 8.05 A. M., no school for the day.

Regular Meetings of the Committee. — Second Monday evening of each month, at 7.30 o'clock.

Superintendent's Office Hours. — At town office Mondays and Thursdays, from 3.30 to 5.30 P. M.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1893.

Robert O. Harris,	term expires	1894
Alice R. Allen,	"	1894
Richard W. Nutter,	"	1894
Edward T. Morse,	"	1895
Fannie M. Shaw,	"	1896
Susan B. Dunphe,	"	1896

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

R. W. NUTTER, *Chairman.*

R. O. HARRIS, *Secretary.*

E. T. MORSE, *Treasurer.*

R. D. McKEEN, *Supt. of Schools.*

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of East Bridgewater:

At the regular meeting of the committee, held March 13, the committee organized by the choice of the same officers that had served them during the previous year.

The joint committee of the three towns met at the town office in West Bridgewater on the 15th of April, and re-elected Mr. R. D. McKeen as superintendent of schools. By an act of the Legislature, the minimum salary of the superintendent was increased from \$1,250 to \$1,500. Since April 15, Mr. McKeen has been paid at the latter rate. This increase is borne by the State, and makes no additional expense for the towns. Next May the money which we receive from the State for teachers' salaries will be apportioned in proportion to the amount paid in for the salary of the superintendent, instead of in proportion to the average school attendance as heretofore.

The resignation of Mr. E. W. Nutter was received in October, and on Nov. 13, in accordance with Section 22 of Chapter 236 of the Acts of 1888, Mr. Richard W. Nutter, who has since been chosen chairman, was elected to fill the vacancy.

The committee were seriously handicapped at the start because of the misunderstanding concerning the transportation of school children. They were obliged to do more under this head than they had planned to do, with a sum of money entirely inadequate for the purpose. It was not intended to carry any except those who had been transferred from the outside

schools to the Central Grammar. Then if there were money enough, and room enough in the coaches, it was proposed to carry those scholars from the High School who lived farthest from the Centre. Unfortunately this matter was not clearly understood by many of the parents, and the committee were obliged to bridge the difficulty in the smoothest manner possible. In his report to the committee, the superintendent defines the situation clearly and accurately; to his report we recommend your careful attention.

With nine school-houses to take care of we feel that we ought not do less than repair at least one of them thoroughly each year. At that rate each one will receive thorough repairs only once in nine years. This year the Elmwood and Satucket houses should be shingled and the Beaver house painted. At Northville we are using the poorer building. It seems to us that it would be wiser to sell the old building and have it moved away, and use the one which is now standing idle.

The matter of teachers is a source of continual anxiety to the committee; for although our superintendent has been very successful in securing competent teachers, they soon find better fields elsewhere, and the result is "more pay or leave." Now, in a town no wealthier than this we cannot always say "more pay," nor do we believe that the people desire us to say "leave." The solution of the problem is that we must have more money for teachers' salaries, if we are to keep our schools on a par with those of other towns.

It is probable that the union district now existing will not long survive. We think that a union with Kingston, instead of Raynham, will be an advantage to our town.

In the expenditure of money we have exceeded our appropriations, but we believe that it was for your interest so to do.

We believe that our efforts are appreciated, and we thank you for your generous co-operation.

In closing, we recommend the following appropriations for 1894 :—

For school purposes,	\$6,350 00
books and supplies,	500 00
incidentals,	325 00
minor repairs,	150 00
shingling Satucket and Elmwood,	150 00
painting at Beaver,	100 00
music teacher, books, etc.,	350 00
transportation,	500 00
insurance,	100 00
salary of superintendent,	350 00

EDW. T. MORSE,

For the School Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 1, 1894.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$6,100 00
Received under Act of 1888,	270 48
Received from Massachusetts School Fund,	233 54
Received dividend on Dog Tax,	421 12
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Total,	\$7,025 14

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

Geo. F. Murdock, High School,	\$660 00
Louis A. Crocker, High School,	360 00
Grace Savage, High School,	500 00
Flora A. Burgess, Grammar School,	432 00
Hattie M. Morse, Grammar School,	36 00
Rosa L. Smith, Grammar School,	86 70
Henrietta Hill, Grammar School,	9 60
Mary E. Lyon, Grammar School,	23 20
Abby B. Murdock, Centre Intermediate,	90 00
Sarah O. Morse, Centre Intermediate,	243 00
Hattie A. M. Turner, West Intermediate,	88 00
Helen I. Boyd, West Intermediate,	108 00
Helen A. Luddy, West Intermediate,	138 00
Abbie U. Weston, West Primary,	339 00
Julia Mansfield, Beaver Intermediate,	360 00
Annie A. Longfellow, Beaver Primary,	345 00

Hattie Hilton, Elmwood Intermediate,	\$355 00
Grace L. Cook, Elmwood Primary,	324 00
Ann W. Harden, Satucket,	187 20
Alice G. Bourbeau, Satucket,	120 00
Clara C. Howland, Curtisville,	183 60
E. Isabelle Ramsdell, Curtisville,	120 00
Helen A. Luddy, Eastville,	189 00
Sadie Frost, Eastville,	127 50
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, Northville,	360 00
Addie B. Sanborn, North Primary,	339 00
Town of Whitman, tuition,	44 00
Total,	<hr/> \$6,167 80

FUEL.

G. W. Alger, coal,	\$215 70
Joshua Dean, coal,	326 38
J. D. Jones, wood,	19 50
Total,	<hr/> \$561 58

CARE OF HOUSES AND CLEANING.

H. A. Grow, care High,	\$144 30
M. D. Carroll, care West Building,	14 00
Daniel Nash, care West Building,	5 00
Ernest Godbout, care West Building,	1 00
Julia Mansfield, care Beaver,	17 50
Annie Longfellow, care Beaver,	3 92
Chas. Cunningham, care Elmwood,	6 67
Howard C. Bonney, care Elmwood,	7 33
Clifford Andrews, care Elmwood,	5 50
Seth B. Edson, care Elmwood,	4 00
Ann W. Harden, care Satucket,	7 00
Alice G. Bourbeau, care Satucket,	3 00

Geo. Adam, care Curtisville,	\$4 00
Geo. Thrasher, care Curtisville,	6 00
John Beard, care Eastville,	10 00
John Beard, carrying water, Eastville,	4 00
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, care Northville,	7 00
Edith L. Holmes, care Northville,	3 00
H. A. Grow, care North Primary,	1 00
Mrs. D. Geary, care North Primary,	11 74
Mrs. Geo. McDermott, cleaning Centre Intermediate,	2 85
Mrs. Geo. McDermott, cleaning West Intermediate,	5 40
Mrs. M. Feeney, cleaning West Primary,	3 30
Mrs. H. A. Osborne, cleaning Beaver,	1 50
Mrs. J. Dill, cleaning Beaver,	8 00
Mrs. English, cleaning Elmwood,	6 00
Alice G. Bourbeau, cleaning Satucket,	2 00
Mrs. T. Bouldry, cleaning Curtisville,	4 50
Mrs. T. Bouldry, cleaning Eastville,	5 00
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, cash paid for cleaning Northville,	2 95
Mrs. Geo. McDermott, cleaning North Primary,	3 03

\$310 49

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for teaching,	\$6,167 80
fuel,	561 58
care and cleaning,	310 49
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Total,	\$7,039 87
Amount available,	7,025 14
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Excess of expenditure,	\$14 73

REPAIRS ON BUILDINGS.

M. L. Andrews, stock and labor,	\$0 60
W. E. Bonney, " " "	20 92
M. S. Curtis, " " "	73 01
Sadie Frost, cash paid,	1 53
H. C. Goodwin, stock and labor,	22 00
Irving Horton, " " "	4 90
Geo. S. Howland, " " "	1 25
David H. Pratt, " " "	7 08
S. L. Seaver, " " "	24 89
Total,	<hr/> \$156 18
Appropriation,	150 00
Excess of expenditure,	<hr/> \$6 18

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Alger & Co., express, 1892 and 1893,	\$29 77
J. S. Allen, Jr., storm signals,	1 50
Flora A. Burgess, paid for reading matter,	1 50
Century Co., reading matter,	84
Jarvis Burrell, printing,	29 47
E. L. Clark, labor,	3 00
Chas. E. Cole, repairs on electric bells,	2 74
M. S. Curtis, stock and labor,	7 88
G. A. Goodall, printing,	18 38
Harper & Bros., reading matter,	49
Hopkinson & Marden, incidentals,	31 10
S. J. Hoyt, labor,	2 00
Z. A. Jenkins, lumber, etc.,	19 81
J. S. Kingman, stock and labor,	22 36
Geo. F. Lombard, stock and labor,	35 50
D. Lothrop Co., reading matter,	27

R. D. McKeen, cash paid for postage, car fares, etc.,	\$29 62
E. T. Morse, postage, etc.,	3 56
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, cash paid,	1 35
E. W. Nutter, incidentals,	4 23
F. C. Nutter, incidentals,	22 97
Massachusetts Bible Society, Bibles,	1 10
Isabelle O. Nutter, school census,	25 00
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford R. R., freight,	6 09
Geo. S. Perry & Co., incidentals,	1 40
A. A. Pratt, labor,	4 00
Daniel Pratt's Son, clocks,	8 00
John S. Sampson, printing,	24 65
Frank Smith, chemicals, etc.,	5 22
J. B. Tirrell, wrapping paper,	2 25
L. J. Voigt, filling diplomas,	13 50
C. H. Waterman, stock and labor,	82 20
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Total,	\$441 75
Appropriation,	325 00
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Excess of Expenditure,	\$116 75

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

American Book Co., text-books and models,	\$117 52
Edw. E. Babb & Co., text-books,	12 89
Boston School Supply Co., text-books,	13 61
Ginn & Company, text-books,	3 50
J. L. Hammett, supplies,	8 21
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., text-books,	3 06
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, text-books,	91 65
Effingham Maynard & Co., text-books,	7 40
Geo. S. Perry & Co., supplies,	173 64
Prang Educational Co., drawing-books,	29 60

Carl Schoenhof, text-books,	\$1 11
University Publishing Co., text-books,	20 00
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Total,	\$482 19
Appropriation,	450 00
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Excess of expenditure,	\$32 19

MUSIC.

Laura F. Taylor, teaching,	\$150 00
Alice A. Barrows, teaching,	100 00
Ginn & Company, music,	20 28
M. L. Webber, horse hire (two bills),	80 00
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Total,	\$350 28
Appropriation,	350 00
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Excess of expenditure,	\$0 28

INSURANCE.

Appropriation,	\$75 00
Abington Mutual Fire Insurance Co.,	58 20
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Unexpended,	\$16 80

PAINTING HIGH SCHOOL AND ELMWOOD SCHOOL.

M. S. Curtis,	\$226 65
Appropriations, High,	\$50 00
Elmwood,	150 00
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	200 00
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Excess of expenditure,	\$26 65

FURNITURE.

Geo. S. Perry & Co.,	\$60 75
Appropriation,	75 00
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Unexpended,	\$14 25

TRANSPORTATION.

Albert Kelly,	\$116 66
M. L. Webber,	200 00
E. E. Miller,	3 00
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford R. R.,	18 00
Herbert E. Brown,	3 95
L. Evelyn Blanchard,	1 30
Edith L. Holmes,	1 95
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Total,	\$344 86
Appropriation,	300 00
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Excess of expenditure,	\$44 86

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid R. D. McKeen on behalf of State,	\$670 15
Received from State,	232 65
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Due from State,	\$437 50
Paid R. D. McKeen for town,	\$350 03
Appropriation,	350 00
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Excess of expenditure,	\$0 03

SUMMARY.

Appropriation, school purposes,	\$6,100 00
Received under act of 1888,	270 48
“ for superintendent's salary,	232 65
Due from State for superintendent's salary,	437 50
Income of Massachusetts School Fund,	233 54
“ “ dog tax,	421 12
Appropriation for books and supplies,	450 00
incidentals,	325 00
minor repairs,	150 00

Appropriation for painting Elmwood,	\$150 00
“ lower rooms, High School,	50 00
music and books,	350 00
transportation,	300 00
insurance,	75 00
furniture,	75 00
salary of superintendent,	350 00

Total,	\$9,970 29
Paid for teaching,	\$6,167 80
fuel,	561 58
care of houses and cleaning,	310 49
repairs,	156 18
incidentals,	441 75
text-books and supplies,	482 19
music,	350 28
insurance,	58 20
painting Elmwood and High Schools,	226 65
furniture,	60 75
transportation,	344 86
superintendent,	350 03
superintendent, on behalf of State,	670 15

Total,	\$10,180 91
Excess of expenditure,	\$210 62

EDW. T. MORSE,
Treas. School Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 1, 1894.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee of East Bridgewater:

I hereby submit my second annual report of the public schools of the town of East Bridgewater, for the year ending Dec. 30, 1893.

Population of East Bridgewater, as shown by census of 1890,	2,911
Number of schools,	14
Number of teachers required, including music teacher,	17
Number of different teachers employed during the year,	28
Number of children in town between the ages of 5 and 15, as shown by school census, taken	
May, 1893,	436
“ 1892,	443
“ 1891,	448
Number of different pupils attending the public schools during the year,	525
Number attending in year 1892,	494
Number over 15 years in attendance,	51
Number between 8 and 14 years,	287
Average membership,	442
Average attendance,	407
School having greatest average attendance (Grammar),	62
“ “ least “ “ (Curtisville),	15
Average attendance in a room,	29
Per cent of average attendance,	92
Number visits by truant officers,	22
Actual truants found,	3
Number of truants convicted and sent to truant school,	1

Our schools for the past year have been, for the most part, satisfactorily progressive. The attendance, as shown by the above statistics, has been very good. Teachers have shown an unusual degree of interest in their work. They have been more eager to discover the best methods of instruction; more watchful that their work does not degenerate into mere mechanical drill; more ambitious that the schools of this town shall be found on a par with those of our sister towns.

This state of affairs is evident from better work in the school-room; from the desire on the part of the teachers to visit other schools for the sake of comparing work. These are good omens. They show that the teachers have not fallen into that state of self-satisfaction so fatal to all progress, and that they are on the alert for improvement.

The generous response by the School Board to demands for school-books and apparatus is well appreciated by teachers and pupils. Yet it seems to me that our schools are by no means as well supplied as they should be. The grammar school, although partially provided with supplementary reading, needs a more generous supply. I believe that a taste for good reading could be awakened in the grammar school. This school can certainly be a potent agency in directing the outside reading of the pupils. Doubtless there are some families in which the home influences are pernicious; but in many cases, although the child may live under cultivated and refined influences, and in an atmosphere of intelligence, this matter of reading is simply neglected.

In order that there may be a closer relationship between this school and the Public Library, I would commend the following plan to your consideration, which, if adopted, might serve to connect the school curriculum with the library's resources whenever possible:—

1. That under the direction of the School Board, the trustees of the Public Library, a list be prepared of such books as would be of special importance to the grammar school pupils.
2. That arrangements be made with the trustees of the library, whereby a certain number of books on the prepared list could be delivered to the Grammar School, regularly, under the care of the teachers.
3. That the school be divided into convenient sections.
4. That a certain amount of time a week be allotted each section to the reading aloud in the class from the work under consideration, with a view to a clear understanding of the text. Other books to be read by the pupils at their seats during spare moments. The list should be so arranged as to give a study of the works of at least two different authors yearly. Occasionally a lesson should be given to a study of the author whose writings are being studied, the time in which he lived, etc. The thoroughness of all reading to be tested by reviews, both oral and written.

COURSE OF STUDIES.

While too frequent changes are unreasonable and ineffective, yet certain modifications *must* be made in any course of studies or we shall be left far in the rear. As a year's more work had been accomplished in the lower grades during the year, it seemed necessary that the High School course should be so changed as to supply the needs made by the gain in the lower schools.

Accordingly, a new course was introduced into all the schools at the beginning of the term in September. Although a very few instances of disappointment occurred at first from the necessary changes, all seemed to recognize that it was best to conform to the judgment of those having this duty in charge.

The course in the lower schools introduced many new

features and the teachers have taken hold of this work with much enthusiasm. That the pupils in the High School should not suffer greatly from the introduction of the new course of studies, it was decided to allow the Seniors and sub-Seniors the privilege to graduate from the course upon which they entered. The Juniors and ex-Juniors were asked to choose between one of the two *new* courses.

WRITING.

I find the best penmanship, relatively, in the first two years of the primary grades, in which I have noticed exercises in penmanship of which the teachers ought to be proud. Eternal vigilance is the price of good penmanship in the higher grades.

A single grade in which awkward position and careless work is allowed will often lead to such habits that no subsequent efforts will wholly break up. More attention should be given to position and *movement* exercises in the lower grades than to *form*. Pupils will acquire a cramped position of the hand in writing by being allowed a poor position with the pencil in doing their number work, or in the use of too short pencils.

Teachers should wisely consider this subject and spare no pains for improvement.

Much could be done by the town to aid in producing good work in writing, if suitable seats were furnished. Only in four school-rooms in town are the seats fitting, comfortable, or becoming to the pupils, to say nothing of their inconvenience for writing purposes.

DRAWING.

More work in drawing has been done in the lower grades during the past year than in preceding years, but the manner in which it is now taught in most of our schools is simply a nominal assent to the law of the State in relation to the subject.

In the primary grades considerable has been done in clay modelling, and in all the lower grades in drawing from nature work. This has been of great value, not only in nature study, but in design. In order to do justice to the pupils and comply with the statutes, we should have a special teacher of drawing. There seems to be no other way than to ask for appropriations for this purpose.

NATURE STUDY.

Some attention has been given to nature studies during the year and with quite satisfactory results. In fact, quite an interest has been manifested in the lower schools. With Mr. Boyden's "Course in Nature" for our guide, our teachers have begun work. No instructions have been given them respecting the amount of *time* to be devoted to it, but with from one to three lessons a week the children have studied trees, leaves, plants, woods, and minerals.

Frequently the teachers and pupils have gone out together to make collections. Drawings are made, the pupils are directed to observe correctly, then accurately write facts learned about the specimens. In this way, the study has contributed not alone to the powers of observation, but to drawing and language. In nearly every school, collections of woods, plants, leaves, and minerals have been made and preserved for future study. Considering that the teachers have had no specialist to plan and assist them in their work, the results in nature work are quite gratifying.

VENTILATION.

The provisions for good ventilation in our schools (with only one exception) are wholly inadequate. The health of the pupils committed to the teachers' care is of the utmost importance and every precaution should be taken to have it

preserved. Many of the school-houses were built before the subject of ventilation and heating was considered of much importance. Hence doors and windows must be used to dispose of the foul air and supply the fresh. By so doing, the children are subjected to dangerous drafts or too sudden cooling of the air.

Of the two evils,—poisoning the children by repeated breathing of foul air or subjecting them to sudden changes of fresh air,—many teachers choose the former. I am aware that it would be expensive to furnish proper means for ventilation in all the buildings in town, but if boards were supplied at the base of the windows for use at *all* times, and careful attention were given to adjusting the windows to meet the varying temperatures of the season and give the rooms a thorough airing at intermissions, one step toward better ventilation would be gained and well appreciated.

CHANGES IN TEACHERS.

At the close of the winter term, resignations were received from Mrs. Morse, assistant in the Grammar School, Mrs. Geo. F. Murdock, of the Centre Intermediate, and Miss Hattie Turner, of the West Intermediate. They were succeeded by Miss Rose L. Smith, in the Grammar School, Miss Sarah O. Morse, in the Centre Intermediate, and Miss Helen I. Boyd, in the West Intermediate. At the close of the summer term, Miss Taylor, who, for nearly three years was so faithful and successful in teaching music in our schools, resigned her position to accept a more desirable one in Boston. She was succeeded by Miss Alice Barrows, of Reading, Mass. Miss Barrows comes to us with an experience of several years in teaching music in public schools, and judging from the intelligent manner in which she has planned her work and executed it thus far, I feel confident that

she will accomplish, in due time, the desired results. For particulars regarding the work in music, I refer you to the report of the music teacher.

Other teachers who left were: Mr. Murdock, of the High School, Miss Harden, of Satucket, Miss Howland, of Curtisville, Miss Smith, of the Grammar School, Miss Boyd, of the West Intermediate, and Miss Luddy, of Eastville, who was transferred to the West Intermediate.

Mr. Louis A. Crocker was engaged for the High School; Miss Alice G. Bourbeau for Satucket, Miss Isabel Ramsdell for Curtisville, Miss Mary Lyon for the Grammar School, Miss Sadie Frost for the Eastville School.

REPORT OF THE TEACHER OF MUSIC.

Mr. R. D. McKEEN, *Superintendent of Schools, East Bridgewater, Mass.:*

Dear Sir,—The schools have been under my supervision for so short a time that I cannot make an extended report as to progress. I have been working somewhat at a disadvantage, not being acquainted with the teachers, and not knowing the exact standing of the scholars in regard to the study of music.

Promotions from lower to higher classes being made this fall, some changes were felt in the primary and intermediate rooms. The primary rooms lost one class, usually the older scholars, and the leaders in reading music. This left behind two classes who knew a little about singing, but had not the confidence and ability to read possessed by the older class, also an entering class who had received no instruction. The same thing occurred in the intermediate rooms. The leading class was promoted, thus leaving two classes who had completed the same work with them. Then came an entering class from

the primary rooms, which had studied only very simple songs. So in both primary and intermediate departments we have tried to adapt the work to the needs of these three classes.

The primary rooms have spent most of the time upon rote songs and interval work, in which all may join. Later the older scholars will read in the different keys. This is beyond the comprehension of the first year scholars, so they are not expected to take part. The intermediate rooms have worked upon one part exercises and songs in the key of C, embodying the principal difficulties in time and tune, also exercises leading to two part singing. The remainder of the year will be spent in two part singing in nine different keys.

The Grammar School has studied songs in three parts. This school also lost some of its leaders by their promotion to the High School, and as in this room the scholars are collected from all the town, it has been a task to grade them properly, and to get them to work together. The High School has worked upon four part songs. They have outgrown the Independent Reader, so we have passed that down to the grammar room, and hope to work in the regular High School Reader for the remainder of the year. The work done in the outside schools has been very satisfactory. There are so many classes in these schools that we adapt the work to the majority.

In general, the work is progressing smoothly, and we trust that the results of the year's work will prove satisfactory. In closing, I would cordially invite the parents and all others interested to visit the singing classes.

Very truly,

ALICE A. BARROWS,
Supervisor of Music.

TRANSPORTATION.

The kindly manner in which the citizens of the town treated the question of "Transportation of the Grammar School Pupils," at their annual meeting, is evidence of their approval of the system. Although it is yet in its infancy, it is a means to fruitful ends. Its purpose was plainly stated in my report for 1892, but for the benefit of those who may have misinterpreted the meaning, I will briefly state again our reasons for transporting those pupils.

When your Superintendent entered upon his duties nearly two years ago, he found affairs as follows: In the village, pupils were fitted for the High School in three rooms, with three different teachers, while in Beaver and Elmwood they were supposed to be *equally* as well prepared in two rooms, with four grades each, and by only two teachers; and in the rural schools there were even seven and eight grades in a room. It is plain to be seen that pupils outside could not do as much work, or be as well fitted for the High School, as those in the village.

A proposition was made to give *all* pupils a like advantage. This could not be done without furnishing means of conveyance to the Grammar School for those who had a greater distance (some several miles) to travel than they did to attend *their own* school. Accordingly, the vote passed by the citizens, at their annual meeting, gave you the liberty to transport, at the expense of the town, those who, in consequence of different grading, were compelled to attend a different school from their own.

To sum up, the object in transportation was, — first, to give all Grammar School pupils in town an equal advantage; second, to better grade the schools; third, to do more and better work in the lower schools and therefore raise the standard of admission to the High School.

The consent of the School Board to allow High School pupils to ride, who lived at a distance varying from one and one half to three and one-half miles from the school-house, has led some to a misunderstanding.

That there may be *no* misunderstanding or dissention, and if your Superintendent may be allowed to suggest, I think it wise to limit the privilege to ride to those who, in consequence of closer grading, have to attend a different school than they did formerly. Then, if *agreeable*, allow girls of the High School who have more than one and one-half miles to travel, the liberty to ride whenever the coach passes in an accessible distance to their homes.

If some plan similar to the one above mentioned were adopted, less money would be needed for transportation than if as many *are* to be conveyed as there are at the present time, and the object for which the system was designed would soon be realized.

Now the question arises, Does it pay? Does the extra amount of knowledge that can now be obtained by the pupils in *all* the schools pay for the extra expense of a few hundred dollars? I am prepared to say, from actual observation, that it is a good investment for the town. That every dollar you have appropriated in this way has already yielded to your children a larger interest than if otherwise invested. Shall the children of East Bridge-water be denied of this advantage? I would bespeak for the children in town, who ask through you, that our fellow citizens place at the disposal of the School Board the means which will enable you to *give* to the children an advantage which might and should be theirs.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Notwithstanding the necessary changes brought to bear upon it, the High School has maintained its former good standing.

In addition to the regular course in literature, I would

recommend that the suggestion for the Grammar School be extended to the High School. It could be so arranged as to give a study of the works of at least three different authors yearly. Essays could be written upon subjects selected from the books read.

Present number in the High School,	53
Number admitted in September,	34
Average age of entering class,	14 years, 3 months.
Number in Senior class,	5
Number graduated in June, 1893,	11

GRADUATES.

FOUR YEARS' ENGLISH AND LATIN COURSE.

James S. Allen, Jr.,	Horace T. Smith,
Mary E. Lyon,	John E. Willis.

FOUR YEARS' ENGLISH COURSE.

Sarah P. Harden,	Clara E. Noyes,
Wadsworth P. Hathaway,	Mary E. Wade,
Charles C. Whitman.	

THREE YEARS' ENGLISH COURSE.

Maurice F. Carrol,	Charles A. Curran.
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New books introduced during the year: Brand's Physiologies, Bradbury's Eaton's Arithmetics, Davis Readers, Maury's Physical Geographies, Stone's English Histories.

LIST OF TEACHERS.

Louis A. Crocker, Principal High School.
 Grace Savage, Assistant High School.
 Flora A. Burgess, Principal Grammar School.
 Mary E. Lyon, Assistant Grammar School.
 Sarah O. Morse, Centre Intermediate School.
 Addie B. Sanborn, North Primary School.
 Helen A. Luddy, West Intermediate School.
 Abbie U. Weston, West Primary School.
 Julia A. Mansfield, Beaver Intermediate School.
 Annie A. Longfellow, Beaver Primary School.
 Hattie Hilton, Elmwood Intermediate School.
 Grace Cook, Elmwood Primary School.
 Alice G. Bourbeau, Satucket School.
 Isabel Ramsdell, Curtisville School.
 Sadie Frost, Eastville School.
 Mrs. E. M. Murphy, Northville School.
 Alice Barrows, Teacher of Music.

IN CONCLUSION.

I wish to thank you as a committee for the confidence you have reposed in me and for your constant aid and willing support in my efforts to advance the schools, and thanks are also due to the citizens for their cordial assent to our plans and hearty co-operation in fulfilling them.

Respectfully,

R. D. McKEEN,
Supt. of Schools.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Jan. 6, 1894.

BY-LAWS OF EAST BRIDGEWATER

RELATING TO TRUANTS AND ABSENTEES FROM SCHOOL.

ARTICLE I. All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years, residing in said town, and who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of said town having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to (the place to be hereby designated by the School Committee) for confinement, instruction, and discipline.

ART. II. Two or more truant officers shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to inquire into all the violations of the truant laws, and of the laws relating to compulsory education, and to do all the acts required of them by the laws of the Commonwealth.

ART. III. It shall be the duty of every truant officer, previous to making any complaint under these laws, to notify the truant or absentee from school, also his parent or guardian, of the offence committed and of the penalty therefor, and if the truant officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child, he may, at his discretion, forbear to prosecute so long as such pledges are faithfully kept.

ART. IV. It shall be the duty of the School Committee, the teachers of the public schools, and the citizens generally to aid the truant officers as far as possible in the discharge of their duties.

ART. V. It shall be the duty of the truant officers to keep a full record of all their official acts and make an annual report thereof to the School Committee, who shall publish the same with their own report.

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ART. VI. Nothing in these By-Laws shall be so construed as to alter or impair the obligation and duty of teachers to enforce punctuality and regularity of attendance, and to preserve good order and discipline.

A true copy.

Attest: FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

Nov. 27, 1893.

PLYMOUTH, SS.

Approved:

BENJAMIN W. HARRIS,

Judge of the Probate Court.

Filed Dec. 6, 1893.

EDWARD E. HOBART,

Clerk.

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE YEAR 1894.



BOSTON:

ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS,

No. 24 FRANKLIN STREET.

1895.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1894.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.—HENRY GURNEY, JOSEPH H. STRONG,
ZENAS A. JENKINS.

Town Clerk and Tax Collector.—FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer.—JARVIS BURRELL.

Auditor.—N. FRANK DUNPHE.

School Committee.—RICHARD W. NUTTER, EDWARD T. MORSE, ROBERT O. HARRIS, MRS.
JAMES S. ALLEN, MRS. N. FRANK DUNPHE, MRS. ALLAN B. SHAW.

Superintendent of Schools.—R. D. MCKEEN.

Constables.—BENJAMIN SIDDALL, ROBERT J. MITCHELL, THOMAS S. H. ROUNSEVILLE,
WILLIAM T. GREEN, DAVID B. ROBBINS, CHARLES W. ADAMS, FRANK M. FISHER,
ROGER W. BOWDITCH, ADAM R. HUMBLE, FRANKLIN W. FRENCH.

Road Commissioners.—SAMUEL KEITH, HERBERT C. KEITH, GEORGE L. CHAMBERLAIN.

Measurers of Wood.—WARREN K. CHURCHILL, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, WILLIAM B. HALL.

Surveyors of Lumber.—ARTHUR C. CHURCHILL, ZENAS A. JENKINS, W. G. SMELLIE.

Weighers.—GEORGE W. ALGER, WILLIAM EDSON, ZENAS A. JENKINS, THOMAS H. PERKINS,
PRESCOTT H. PRATT.

Fence Viewers.—HENRY GURNEY, EZRA F. SAMPSON.

Field Drivers.—FRANK A. BRADFORD, GEORGE M. WEBBER.

Pound Keeper.—HENRY SEARS.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.—ROBERT YOUNG.

Engineers Fire Department.—MINOT S. CURTIS, WARREN K. CHURCHILL, IRVING HORTON,
CHARLES F. CLARK, JOSHUA DEAN, LEVI A. BAKER.

Trustees Public Library.—ISAAC N. NUTTER, ALFRED B. PARKER, E. W. NUTTER, WILLIAM
H. TAYLOR, ALICE STRONG, MARY H. RUST.

Town Hall Committee.—CORNELIUS L. VOSMUS, GEORGE F. LOMBARD, CHARLES A. MILLS.

Board of Health.—ALLAN L. SHIRLEY, M. D., ROBERT YOUNG, WILLIAM T. GREEN.

Inspector of Meat and Cattle.—WILLIAM T. GREEN.

Registrars of Voters.—AMOS HUNTING, FRED E. FULLER, ARTHUR G. WATERMAN, FRANK
SMITH.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Schooling proper,	\$6,000 00	
School books and supplies,	500 00	
Incidentals,	325 00	
Superintendent,	350 00	
Music,	200 00	
Transportation,	500 00	
Repairs,	50 00	
Insurance,	100 00	
		\$8,025 00
Highways,	3,000 00	
Bridges,	500 00	
Sidewalks,	400 00	
Removing snow,	500 00	
Street lighting,	450 00	
		4,850 00
Support of poor,	3,000 00	
Town officers,	1,200 00	
Hydrant service,	1,080 00	
Incidental expenses,	500 00	
Fire department,	525 00	
Public Library,	450 00	
Soldiers' relief,	350 00	
Police service,	150 00	
Memorial Day,	100 00	
Board of Health,	100 00	
Water for Central Street,	25 00	
		7,480 00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS, JAN. 1, 1894.

LIABILITIES.

Due on note to New Bedford Institution for Savings, April 2, 1888, and interest,	\$2,528 12
Due G. W. Parker on note Aug. 12, 1893, and interest,	511 58
Due E. B. Savings Bank on note Nov. 1, 1893, and interest,	909 00
Due on notes given in anticipation of taxes of 1893,	404 71
Due on note to Plymouth Co. Safe Deposit and Trust Co., tax of 1893,	1,023 49
Due for support of N. S. Bouldry,	36 80
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	\$5,413 70

ASSETS.

Due from State for State aid, paid,	\$682 00
“ “ “ “ one half Military aid, paid,	48 00
“ “ Town of Bridgewater,	69 93
“ “ “ “ Whitman,	23 88
Uncollected taxes,	312 36
Cash in treasury,	1,744 17
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	\$2,880 14

REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS
OF THE POOR.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

STATE AID.

Paid Irving Bates,	\$6 00
Henry Burns,	72 00
George R. Dyer,	48 00
William A. Dyson,	42 00
Samuel Gerrard,	24 00
Betsey A. Hale,	24 00
Leroy S. Hamilton,	10 00
Edward F. Hassett,	36 00
Lewis B. Hayward,	21 00
Rebecca Hinckley,	48 00
Augustus M. Howe,	60 00
Henry A. Osborne,	48 00
Nancy W. Pratt,	48 00
Nathan Reed,	66 00
William S. Sampson,	60 00
Zenas W. Sturtevant,	18 00
Thankful O. Trow,	24 00
Selden M. Washburn,	48 00
Joseph M. Whitman,	30 00
Abigail K. Winsor,	48 00
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No appropriation.	\$781 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid Augustus B. Vickery,	\$96 00	
Joseph M. Whitman,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$108 00
Paid by town,	\$54 00	
Due from State,	54 00	
No appropriation.	<hr/>	108 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid Ella F. Wentworth,	\$144 00	
John McAvin, (Bedford)	163 20	
Mrs. Charles Hatch, (Natick)	144 00	
	<hr/>	\$451 20
Appropriation,	\$350 00	
Overdrawn,	101 20	
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MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid E. E. Edson, Q. M., Post 124 G. A. R.,	\$100 00
Appropriation,	100 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid I. N. Nutter, treasurer of Trustees,	\$450 00
Appropriation,	450 00

WATER FOR STONE TROUGH, CENTRAL STREET.

Paid Bridgewater's Water Co.,	\$19 71	
Unexpended,	5 29	
Appropriation,		\$25 00

HYDRANT SERVICE.

Paid Bridgewater's Water Co.,	\$1,075 95	
Unexpended,	4 05	
Appropriation,		\$1,080 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid to engineers of department,	\$500 00	
Unexpended,	25 00	
Appropriation,		\$525 00
Paid for new hose,	1,000 00	
Town voted to hire,		1,000 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid N. F. Dunphe, auditor,		\$15 00
W. O. Vinton, teller, Mch. meeting,		1 00
P. M. Churchill " " "		1 00
C. E. Bennett, teller, November meeting,		2 50
C. L. Nutter, teller, November meeting,		2 50
George M. Keith, teller, November meeting,		2 50
R. W. Nutter, ballot clerk, November meeting,		2 50
E. E. Edson, assistant ballot clerk, November meeting,		2 50
M. H. Lyons, assistant ballot clerk, November meeting,		2 50
Amos Hunting, assistant ballot clerk, November meeting,	\$2 50	
Amos Hunting, registrar,	15 00	
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Edward T. Morse, teller, November meeting,	\$2 50	
Edward T. Morse, treasurer of school committee,	20 00	
Edward T. Morse, railroad fare,	2 40	
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F. E. Fuller, registrar,		15 00
A. G. Waterman, registrar,	\$7 50	
" " " Selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor,	3 02	
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. S. Whitmarsh, registrar,	\$7 50	
“ “ “ justice of the peace,	3 00	
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T. S. H. Rounseville, truant officer,		13 00
Benj. Siddall, constable,		36 75
Robert Young, board of health,		62 00
Wm. T. Greene, board of health,	\$14 50	
“ “ inspector of cattle,	71 00	
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J. Burrell, treasurer,	\$150 00	
“ “ railroad fare,	1 75	
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Z. A. Jenkins, selectman, asses-		
sor, overseer of poor,	\$48 00	
Z. A. Jenkins, use of horse,	4 45	
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J. H. Strong, moderator, March		
meeting,	\$3 00	
J. H. Strong, selectman, assessor,		
overseer of poor,	49 75	
J. H. Strong, railroad fare,	1 20	
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H. Gurney, railroad fare,	\$8 52	
“ “ selectman, assessor,		
overseer of poor,	241 87	
H. Gurney, use of horse,	5 00	
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Frank Smith, town clerk,	\$56 75	
“ “ recording births,		
marriages, and deaths,	39 95	
Frank Smith, collection of taxes of		
1893,	2 60	
Frank Smith, collection of taxes of		
1894,	240 59	
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Dr. A. L. Shirley, town physician,	\$100 00	
“ “ board of health,	79 80	
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		\$1,340 90
Appropriation,		1,200 00
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Overdrawn,		\$140 90

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Alfred Mudge & Son, printing town reports,	\$115 28	
Alfred Mudge & Son, printing voting lists,	22 00	
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N. W. Richardson, burying horse,		2 00
D. W. Gurney, distributing reports,		8 00
Smith & Porter, printing ballots,		4 75
Lucy C. Horton, copying franchise,		3 00
Dr. A. L. Shirley, vaccinating school children,		45 80
“ “ “ return of births,		7 25
Norman Johnson, opening drain,		2 00
Geo. A. Simmons, repairing pump, Northville,		3 00
Z. A. Jenkins, repairing pump, Northville,		5 00
Town of Hanson, tax,		24
J. Burrell, printing postal cards, etc.,		54 60
“ “ postage and blank books,		1 02
C. C. Gin Co., street boards,		68
G. F. Lombard, labor on voting booths,		3 00
B. W. Keith, agent, insurance,		73 60
J. H. Strong, postage,		25
H. Gurney, postage and blank books,		1 95
Wm. T. Greene, postage and blank books,		1 10
Dr. Geo. Hunt, return of births,		2 00

Howard & Clark, return of deaths,	\$2 00
C. H. Waterman, repairing water pipe,	1 35
East Bridgewater Savings Bank, rent of office,	150 00
M. S. Curtis, painting boards, etc.,	2 75
C. L. McCann, return of deaths,	1 00
F. S. Howard, " "	1 25
L. Holbrook & Son, return of deaths,	4 00
W. H. Adams, return of births,	1 75
Alger & Co., express,	1 10
Wm. S. Prophett, return of deaths,	3 00
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	\$524 72
Appropriation,	500 00
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Overdrawn,	\$24 72

POLICE SERVICE.

Paid Robert J. Mitchell,	\$104 80
F. M. Fisher,	18 50
D. B. Robbins,	1 50
Wm. T. Greene,	3 00
T. S. H. Rounseville,	16 50
Unexpended,	5 70
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	\$150 00
Appropriation,	150 00

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, AND SIDEWALKS.

Paid Sam'l Keith, Road Commissioner,	\$3,843 12
Unexpended,	56 88
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	\$3,900 00
Appropriations,	3,900 00

STREET LIGHTING.

Paid S. Keith, Road Commissioner,	\$433 29
Unexpended,	16 17
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	\$450 00
Appropriation,	450 00

REMOVAL OF SNOW.

Paid S. Keith, Road Commissioner,	\$424 04
Unexpended,	75 96
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	\$500 00
Appropriation,	500 00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid E. C. Linfield, advertisements,	\$13 00
Frank Smith, candles,	1 25
J. Burrell, printing,	23 00
Unexpended,	62 75
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	\$100 00
Appropriation,	100 00

LAND DAMAGE AND EXPENSE BY CHANGE IN GRADE
CROSSING AT BEDFORD AND WATER STREETS.

Paid Sarah J. Siddall,	\$108 00
C. W. and Lucy L. Siddall,	1,360 80
Benjamin Siddall,	146 50
B. W. Harris,	206 50
Chas. H. Paine,	19 85
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	\$1,841 65
Money hired by vote of town.	1,500 00

CROSSMAN AND WHITMAN FUND.

Amount of fund,	\$2,000 00
Amount of interest from fund, July 1, 1894,	\$86 82

Under the direction of the Road Commissioners, the labor was performed in the month of April. We have paid as follows : —

James Roach,	\$20 00
Dennis Curran,	7 00
G. L. Chamberlain,	7 50
Patrick Welsh,	6 50
Bartley Curran,	6 00
J. S. Eastman,	4 50
A. G. Blackman,	5 25
Patrick Barrett,	3 50
Edmund Campbell,	3 50
Fred. L. Keith,	3 50
Patrick Luddy,	3 50
Tim Murphy,	2 50
Wm. H. Leary,	5 25
Thos. O'Brien,	3 50
Sam'l Keith,	4 82
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	\$86 82

LATHAM FUND.

Amount of fund,	\$500 00
Available interest Jan. 1, 1894,	\$65 46
Interest during year,	24 17
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	89 63
Disbursed during year,	73 90

ALDEN FUND.

Amount of fund,		\$2,624 90
Available interest, Jan. 1, 1894,	\$176 56	
Interest during year,	126 05	
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Disbursed during year,		135 83

JOHNSON FUND.

Amount of fund,		\$1,500 00
Interest for year,		68 25
Drawn by treasurer and paid to trustees of Public Library.		

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT FUND.

Amount in bank Jan. 1, 1894,		\$151 28
Interest during year,		6 87
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Amount in bank Jan. 1, 1895,		\$158 15

SUMMARY.

Abatement of taxes,	\$211 91
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Fire Department,	500 00
“ “ new hose,	1,000 00
Board of Health,	37 25
Grade crossing, land damage,	1,841 65
Hydrant rental,	1,075 95
Incidental expenses,	524 72
Military aid,	108 00
State aid,	781 00
Soldiers' relief,	451 20
Police duty,	144 30
Public Library,	450 00
Road Commissioners,	4,700 45

Support of poor (Almshouse),	\$1,552 13
“ “ “ outside,	2,138 13
Town officers,	1,340 90
Water rent, Central Street,	19 71
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	\$16,977 30

LIST OF JURORS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Allen, Granville C.	Gurney, David W.
Burrell, Jarvis.	Churchill, Luther.
Benson, Walter L.	Howland, George B.
Brown, George E.	Keith, Isaac N.
Chandler, Clarence A.	Keith, Simeon C.
Curtis, Minot C.	Latham, A. Harris.
Curtis, Lucius J.	Latham, James W.
Clark, Charles F.	Morse, Edward T.
Collamore, Francis.	Pratt, Charles W.
Churchill, Newton.	Porter Edward A.
Caldwell, Wellington.	Shaw, Lester B.
Dean, Joshua.	Sampson, Ezra F.
Erskine, Frank L.	Whiting, John M.
Fuller, Fred E.	Wood, Charles G.
Nutter, Richard W.	Wixson, Charles W.
Rollins, Fred B., Jr.	Ramsdell, William G.
Parker, Alfred B.	

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Value of real estate taxed,		\$1,176,613 00
“ “ personal estate taxed,		284,479 00
No. of polls,		888 00
Town grants,	\$20,335 00	
Due on bridge,	1,400 00	
For town debt,	500 00	
Pauper bills of 1893,	162 77	
State tax,	1,440 00	
County tax,	2,229 10	
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		26,086 87
Less estimated from State,		2,500 00
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		\$23,586 87
Overlay,		836 07
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		\$24,422 94
Rate of taxation \$15.50 per thousand,		
State tax on polls \$1.00	} \$2.00 each	
Country tax on polls \$1.00		
Tax on real estate,	\$18,237 52	
“ “ personal estate,	4,409 42	
“ “ 888 polls,	1,776 00	
Gain by fractions,	2 44	
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Total tax,	\$24,425 38	
Subsequently assessed,	88 34	
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Total commitment,		24,513 72

Number of houses taxed,	661
“ “ acres of land taxed,	9,752
Value of buildings taxed,	\$802,973 00
“ “ land taxed,	\$373,640 00
Number of horses taxed,	475
“ “ cows “	346
“ “ other cattle taxed,	65
“ “ swine taxed,	65
“ “ fowl “	1,767

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Geo. W. Folsom, tax of 1893,	\$0 93
Wm. H. Osborne, overtaxed	31 00
A. L. Shirley, “	15 50
Geo. McDermott, “	77
Lucy D. Ford, not taxable,	7 75
Edgar L. Clark, overtaxed,	1 55
Frank Smith, collector, taxes of 1893,	18 05
“ “ “ “ 1894,	132 95
“ “ “ tax of W. Hayward,	3 41
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	\$211 91

No appropriation.

DEPARTMENT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid H. W. Sears, warden,	\$425 00
A. G. Waterman, groceries, etc.,	491 93
Z. A Jenkins, grain,	176 87
I. T. Hatch, labor, haying,	78 00
E. N. Ward, meat,	160 76
E. S. Whitmarsh, clothing,	19 50
H. Hathaway, ice,	36 71
J. Dean, coal,	61 50
F. C. Nutter, dry goods,	9 54
S. J. Hoyt, burial,	3 00
Frank Smith, medicines,	11 45
M. S. Curtis, painting,	8 80
M. E. Gammons, repairs, 1891,	19 77
C. H. Waterman, “	16 30
J. M. Whiting, “	3 00
L. Holbrook & Son, burial expenses,	30 00
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	\$1,552 13

CR.

Received from Town of Raynham,	\$126 28
Michael Winn,	100 00
Sale of oxen,	130 00
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	356 28
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	\$1,195 85

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

To cash on hand, January 1, 1894,	\$43 85	
Received from sale of cream,		
etc.,	122 65	
Received from sale of hay,	42 00	
“ “ “ cow and		
calf,	44 50	
Received from sale of oxen,	130 00	
Team work,	12 00	
Bull,	28 00	
Board, J. Luther,	25 00	
Eggs,	3 00	
Cash, T. Griggs,	52	
	<hr/>	\$451 52

CR.

Paid for butter and cheese,	\$24 89	
Bread,	26 40	
Fish,	29 06	
Labor,	47 50	
Clothing,	38 88	
Furnishings and repairs,	31 50	
Blacksmith's work,	56 49	
Fruit and berries,	9 60	
Tools, etc.,	5 50	
Paint,	6 00	
Groceries,	2 20	
Paper,	6 00	
Town Treasurer,	130 00	
Sundries,	5 20	
Cash on hand,	32 30	
	<hr/>	\$451 52

Total number of inmates during year,	15
Average number during year,	10
Number January 1, 1895,	9
Cost per week,	\$2 28

PRESENT INMATES.

	Age.	Admitted.
Sybil P. Dunbar,		1879
Rebecca Cummings,	80	July 1, 1884
John Kenney,	72	May 2, 1890
Philetta Washburn,	62	May 7, 1890
George W. Osborn,	36	August 6, 1892
Zilpha Chadwick,	74	July 27, 1893
Jotham C. Pratt,	74	January 5, 1894
Nicholas Wade,	71	February 12, 1894
Michael Winn,		June 1, 1894

OUTSIDE SUPPORT.

Paid State Treasurer, support of Nath'l S. Bouldry,		\$109 20
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Ellen A. Edson,	\$121 18	
Worcester Insane Asylum, support of Ellen A. Edson,	48 28	
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Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Catharine Rogers,	\$121 18	
Worcester Insane Asylum, support of Catharine Rogers,	48 29	
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State Treasurer, support of Thomas Toohey,	\$31 11	
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Thomas Toohey,	85 42	
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Mrs. H. B. Meserve, support of Clara Washburn,	\$49 29	
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Clara Washburn,	116 99	
For removal to Hospital, of Clara Washburn,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$172 28
Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, aid to Robert Washburn,		169 46

OUTSIDE AID.

Nathaniel S. Perkins, aid to Nathaniel Perkins,		\$78 00
Sarah J. Mowry, aid to Laura Washburn,		78 00
City of Brockton, aid to Annie Bunker and family,		213 10
City of Lynn, aid to Annie Conners,		47 60
City of Brockton, aid to Mary J. Gurney,		82 16
City of Brockton, aid to George F. Hill and family,		15 00
A. G. Waterman, aid to O'Brien Quigley,		4 75
City of Brockton, aid to Clarence B. Stoddard and family,	\$35 00	
Nathan Haywood, aid to Clarence B. Stoddard and family,	28 00	
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Singer Manufacturing Co., aid to Eliza C. Worthington,		16 00
Geo. W. Folsom, aid to George F. Blake,	\$3 00	

A. G. Waterman, aid to George F. Blake,	\$1 25	
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Nath'l S. Perkins, aid to Nelson O. Carr,	\$3 00	
Dr. A. L. Shirley, aid to Nelson O. Carr,	3 25	
	<hr/>	6 25
F. C. Nutter, aid to Kate McGowan,		6 50
Susan E. Dunbar, aid to herself,		90 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, aid to Charles E. Fisher and family,	\$3 00	
A. G. Waterman, aid to Charles E. Fisher and family,	5 01	
J. Dean, aid to Charles E. Fisher and family,	6 25	
Dr. A. L. Shirley, aid to Charles E. Fisher and family,	18 00	
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A. G. Waterman, aid to John F. Snook,	\$4 00	
B. Curran, aid to John F. Snook,	1 00	
	<hr/>	5 00
Mrs. J. H. Sears, aid to Susie E. Tuck,		43 57
Mrs. S. P. Hooper, aid to Fred Bailey,	\$20 00	
Dr. A. L. Shirley, aid to Fred Bailey,	2 50	
Frank Smith, aid to Fred Bailey,	1 50	
H. Gurney, removal of Fred Bailey,	4 88	
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Amos Hunting, aid to Charles E. Scott and family,	\$10 33	

F. C. Nutter, aid to Charles E. Scott and family,	\$6 70	
Dr. A. L. Shirley, aid to Charles E. Scott and family,	38 80	
	<hr/>	\$55 83
Frank Smith, medicine,		6 65
William Prophet, funeral expenses,		15 00

AID AT TRAMP HOUSE.

Paid J. Little, wood,	\$3 00	
Z. A. Jenkins, wood and brooms,	4 50	
A. G. Waterman, wood and sup- plies,	3 33	
G. F. Lombard, repairs,	1 40	
M. S. Curtis, repairs,	90	
C. H. Waterman, repairs,	2 00	
D. W. Gurney, wood,	7 25	
T. S. H. Rounseville, supplies,	1 50	
T. S. H. Rounseville, care of 1,025 tramps,	256 25	
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		\$2,078 33

CR.

Due from State, Bailey,	\$24 00	
Scott,	55 83	
Bouldry,	39 60	
	<hr/>	\$119 43
Paid by Abington,		5 00
Bridgewater,		12 75
Plymouth,		4 25
Raynham,		43 57

Paid by W. Bridgewater, ' .	\$122 26
Whitman,	27 93
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	\$335 19
Balance outside,	1,743 14
“ almshouse,	1,195 85
“ against Warden,	11 55
“ unexpended,	49 46
Appropriation,	\$3,000 00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS, JAN. 1, 1895.

LIABILITIES.

Due on note to New Bedford Institution for Savings, dated April 2, 1888, \$500, payable yearly,	\$2,000 00	
Interest to Dec. 31, 1894,	22 50	
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Due on note to G. W. Parker, dated Dec. 12, 1894,	\$500 00	
Interest to Dec. 31,	1 05	
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Due on note to East Bridgewater Sav- ings Bank, dated Nov. 16, 1894,	\$3,500 00	
Interest to Dec. 31, 1894,	17 11	
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		\$6,040 66

ASSETS.

Due from State, State Aid,	\$781 00	
• Military Aid,	54 00	
Pauper Account,	79 83	
Town of Bridgewater,	12 75	
Uncollected taxes,	370 91	
Cash in treasury,	1,516 37	
	<hr/>	\$2,814 86

TOWN MEETING.

Articles to be acted upon at the Annual Town Meeting, Monday, March 4, 1895, at 1 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the reports of the town officers and committees.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to pay all town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To adopt method for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To vote upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 8. To act upon a list of jurors as proposed by the Selectmen.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to purchasing a stone crusher for the use of the town.

ART. 10. To see if the town will accept a portion of Willow Street as laid out by the Road Commissioners.

ART. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars for care of the old Central Burying Ground, to be expended under the East Bridgewater Cemetery Association. By request.

ART. 12. To see what action, if any, the town will take with reference to the fund recently given by Cyrus Washburn, of Wellesley Hills, to trustees, to be by them ultimately devoted to the erection of a Free Public Library building for this town. By request. ———

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY GURNEY,
JOSEPH. H. STRONG,
ZENAS A. JENKINS,

*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor
of East Bridgewater.*

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

FROM JAN. 1 TO MARCH 5, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1894,	\$43 03	
Jan. 19. M. C. O. F.,	14 00	
Feb. 23. Parish Parlor Association,	5 00	
March 5. St. John Society for ex- penses,	22 21	
	<hr/>	\$84 24

EXPENDITURES.

Feb. 1. Paid Frank Smith,	\$0 70	
“ 20. Joshua Dean,	13 50	
March 5. A. G. Waterman,	1 25	
“ 5. T. S. H. Rounseville, janitor,	19 50	
March 5. M. H. Lyons, secretary and treasurer from March 5, 1893, to March 5, 1894,	10 00	
March 30. G. F. Lombard, treasurer of Town Hall Committee,	39 29	
	<hr/>	\$84 24

GEO. V. GOODWIN,
JAMES ROACH,
M. H. LYONS,

Town Hall Committee.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

DEC. 31, 1894.

March	6.	Cash on hand,	\$39 29
"	7.	Rec'd from Sons of Veterans,	8 00
"	15.	" masquerade ball,	5 00
April	3.	" Unitarian Society,	6 00
"	7.	" W. H. Luddy,	10 00
"	12.	" Grace Holmes,	6 00
"	17.	" High School concert,	5 00
May	29.	" A. O. O. H.	14 00
June	8.	" Unitarian Society,	8 00
July	5.	" St. John Society,	14 00
Sept.	7.	" Parish Parlor concert,	
		six nights,	30 00
Oct.	26.	" William Leary bene-	
		fit,	11 00
Nov.	16.	" Unitarian Convention,	6 00
"	17.	" C. Murray dance,	12 00
Dec.	27.	" High School Reunion,	9 00
"	31.	" Interest,	2 60
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			\$185 89

BILLS PAID.

April	18.	Paid Bosworth Bros.,	\$2 25
May	9.	Jarvis Burrill, printing,	1 65
June	6.	J. Dean,	6 75
Oct.	12.	E. B. Morse, lumber,	19 29

Nov.	1.	A. C. Chandler, rent on piano,	\$27 50	
Dec.	31.	Frank Smith,	2 03	
"	31.	C. H. Waterman,	1 93	
"	31.	A. G. Waterman,	9 11	
"	31.	For cleaning hall,	20 30	
"	31.	Geo. F. Lombard, bill,	23 00	
"	31.	T. S. H. Rounseville, janitor,	50 00	
"	31.	Geo. F. Lombard, secre- tary,	10 00	
"	31.	Balance cash on hand,	12 08	
			<hr/>	\$185 89

GEO. F. LOMBARD,
for the Committee.

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

Appropriation,		\$525 00
Cash on hand,		3 57
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		\$528 57
Paid each company, \$50.00,	\$100 00	
Janitor service,	44 80	
Services at fires, buildings,	42 50	
Services at fires, in woods,	177 84	
Coal,	4 00	
A. G. Waterman, oil, etc.,	13 51	
B. W. Hose Company, axes,	3 75	
Combination Ladder Company,	25 00	
L. W. Richards, telephone,	12 30	
W. K. Churchill, sundries,	27 61	
M. S. Curtis, painting,	33 20	
C. H. Waterman, sundries,	2 84	
C. Murray, repairs,	4 50	
	<hr/>	491 85
Cash on hand,		11 72
Unexpended,		25 00
Appropriated for hose,		\$1,100 00
Purchased 2,000 ft. at 50c.,		1,000 00
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Unexpended,		\$100 00

BOARD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

We have paid for labor and material on highways, bridges, and sidewalks :—

Paid G. L. Chamberlain,	\$283 12
Herbert C. Keith,	374 56
Samuel Keith,	142 76
Freedom Keith,	181 77
F. L. Keith,	92 41
Dennis Curran,	320 60
Thomas O'Brien,	128 79
Patrick Welsh,	241 57
James Roach,	177 32
Patrick Barrett,	206 01
W. H. Leary,	78 75
Tim Murphy,	131 31
Eugene F. Keith,	35 58
Tim Kelley,	66 26
Patrick Luddy,	1 75
E. Campbell,	53 03
Naham Keith,	6 12
W. L. Benson,	78 92
Z. A. Jenkins,	68 74
Benj. Ward,	1 75
William Green,	20 61
Bartley Curran,	36 50
D. W. Gurney,	48 05
A. S. Hathaway,	3 50

Paid I. T. Hatch,	\$8 00
D. Thrasher,	3 50
John Shepard,	5 25
D. H. Gurney,	3 50
W. H. Jones,	7 57
J. Cunningham,	3 37
S. R. McKenzie,	33 33
W. B. Chamberlain,	22 14
M. Wilder,	24 69
John S. Eastman,	4 00
C. H. Waterman,	4 75
John Burgess,	25 76
William Dyson,	49
Noah T. Harden,	19 44
David H. Pratt,	56 49
John Brown,	27 33
Roger Carr,	4 86
D. Sullivan,	14 00
F. R. McKenzie,	3 69
C. Murray,	28 65
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.,	21 20
Lewin Porter,	7 20
Ames Plow Co.,	31 94
A. Blanchard,	34 20
W. Crocker,	1 00
Geo. McQuestin,	109 12
A. Eburn,	6 00
F. C. Nutter,	4 37
Carver Cotton Gin Co.,	4 07
Eliab Latham,	43 15
A. Bates,	27 25
H. C. Goodwin,	21 00
G. V. Goodwin,	98
G. F. Hayward,	1 00

Paid Joseph Dill,	\$17 67
Ira H. Sumner,	2 00
James Fitzgerald,	37 43
Horace Worcester,	13 52
Geo. Bates,	12 25
Andrew Daly,	14 00
E. P. Reed & Co.,	24 24
Waldo Bros.,	19 44
Galen Willis,	118 66
O. Robin,	8 36
G. M. Webber,	37 34
Saml. C. White,	4 00
A. H. Latham,	11 10
J. Frowley,	1 00
Wm. Sellais,	1 75
J. Clifford,	6 66
Frank Hayward,	20 31
F. W. Thompson,	1 50
J. Burrell,	1 50
E. T. Ellis,	1 20
L. A. Hale,	20 77
A. T. White,	24 70
C. C. Thayer,	5 30
Isades Fuller,	7 34
Herbert Edson,	1 71
W. K. Churchell,	1 75
John Richards,	5 00
E. W. Noyes,	10 85
Swithin Brothers,	18 00
Alger's Express,	70

\$3,843 12

From the above amounts we have paid on account of bridges and sidewalks, planking bridge near Geo. Wright (plank was on hand), team work and labor, \$11 55

Planking Clark's bridge : —		
Paid for lumber,	\$17 06	
labor,	6 50	
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Repairing bridge at gin works : —		
Paid labor on stone work,	\$30 00	
lumber for railing,	27 81	
bolts and nails,	3 00	
freight and carting lumber,	4 60	
labor on railing,	17 00	
painting “	6 00	
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Bridge at S. D. Shaw's : —		
Paid cement, freight and team work,	\$15 50	
labor,	5 90	
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Planking bridge on Union Street : —		
Paid for plank,	\$79 26	
freight and carting,	10 35	
spikes,	2 00	
labor on stone,	29 87	
“ planking,	13 20	
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Planking bridge at S. D. Shaw's : —		
Paid E. P. Reed & Co. for plank,	\$24 24	
“ “ “ “ “ for spikes,	1 00	
“ “ “ “ “ for labor,	8 75	
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Culvert on Union Street : —		
Central Street,	\$6 00	
“ Sq.,	13 00	
Pleasant Street,	4 00	
Bedford Street,	5 00	
	5 50	
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Railing on Bedford Street, Elmwood : —

Paid for post railing and spikes,	\$69 90	
labor,	34 25	
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Railing at S. D. Shaw's bridge,		3 00
Littlefield's bridge,		15 35
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		\$469 59

Sidewalks expended on Bedford Street, \$80 55

" " " Plymouth " 55 00

" " " Whitman " 42 00

" " " Central " 59 25

" " " West " 81 25

" " " Union " 26 00

" " " Laurel " 8 00

" " " Cottage " 6 00

Street crossing on Bedford in Elm-
wood, 61 55

\$419 60

Clearing streets and sidewalks of snow : —

Paid S. R. McKenzie,	\$25 20
H. C. Keith,	24 80
John S. Eastman,	13 60
Thos. O'Brien,	13 00
G. L. Chamberlain,	15 75
Austin Washburn,	20 10
Dennis Curran,	10 20
John Burgess,	27 10
W. B. Chamberlain,	3 00
W. L. Benson,	19 30
Bartley Curran,	13 40
I. T. Hatch,	26 40
Henry Wares,	1 60
H. W. Nute,	1 00
E. A. Cole,	1 20

Paid Herbert Harden,	\$0 90
M. Wilder,	80
G. W. Holmes,	1 20
W. W. McKenzie,	1 00
John Shepard,	1 20
C. T. Walker,	1 80
William Green,	1 20
D. W. Thrasher,	3 20
A. T. Hatch,	1 60
T. H. Bouldry,	4 00
Daniel Winslow,	2 80
H. C. Goodwin,	1 00
A. Bates, Jr.,	80
J. Goodwin,	4 20
F. B. Rollins,	1 80
Patrick Foley,	1 80
James Dilland,	1 80
E. Cambell,	1 60
G. V. Goodwin,	1 00
Galen Willis,	2 80
G. L. French,	1 80
Samuel Frizziell,	1 60
E. L. Clark,	19 40
James Roach,	29 90
Patrick Barrett,	3 80
W. H. Leary,	1 70
P. F. Carroll,	1 80
Patrick Welsh,	10 86
Samuel J. Hoyt,	8 10
Patrick Luddy,	2 80
James McGrath,	3 40
Roger Carr,	3 40
Fred Hunting,	1 00
A. Eburn,	1 80

Paid J. Fitzgerald,	\$1 60
H. W. Bird,	1 20
A. Hathaway,	2 60
G. F. Hayward,	80
C. H. Hodgen,	1 60
G. B. Howland,	1 80
A. W. Blanchard,	1 60
J. W. Dill,	50
M. Feeney, Jr.,	80
C. S. Whitman,	1 40
S. T. Howland,	1 90
Hosea Hathaway,	9 30
R. W. Bowditch,	70
Eliab Latham,	1 00
A. H. Latham,	80
G. Adam,	1 00
Adam Bros.,	2 20
Luther Wade,	60
H. Sherman,	40
D. H. Pratt,	1 00
F. L. Keith,	1 40
Samuel Keith,	5 50
Tim Murphy,	1 10
G. Hacker,	1 60
J. P. Hill,	60
R. Richards,	1 00
F. Soper,	1 00
O. M. Sharp,	60
A. Morison,	90
Naham K. Keith,	1 20
E. H. Bird,	1 20

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Repairing snow plows : —		
Paid J. W. Sturtevant,	\$6 00	
C. Murray,	1 00	
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Four new plows : —		
Paid Z. A. Jenkins, lumber,	\$2 12	
Sam'l Keith, " "	6 93	
" " labor,	1 00	
E. F. Keith, " "	5 87	
C. H. Waterman, iron,	69	
C. Murray, iron work,	5 00	
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		\$424 04

STREET LIGHTING.

Paid Eugene F. Keith for care of lanterns,	\$210 00
Sumner Knapp " " " "	48 00
Ansel Ward " " " "	9 75
John Tillinghast " " " "	6 00
G. W. Holmes " " " "	9 00
Eugene F. Keith, repairing " "	2 65
C. H. Waterman " "	4 23
C. Murray " "	1 25
A. G. Waterman for oil, chimneys, etc.,	104 55
C. F. Mann " "	1 35
John Tillinghast " "	1 70
G. W. Holmes for oil, etc.,	1 40
A. Hunting " " "	8 85
W. K. Churchell " " "	4 06
F. O. Dewey, chimneys, etc.,	20 25
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight,	25
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	\$433 29

SUMMARY.

Appropriations, highways,	\$3,000 00	
" bridges, etc.,	500 00	
" sidewalks,	400 00	
" removing snow,	500 00	
" street lighting,	450 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,850 00
Expended on highways,		\$2,953 93
" " bridges, etc.,		469 59
" " sidewalks,		419 60
" " removing snow,		424 04
" " street lighting,		433 29
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		\$4,700 45
Less appropriations,		149 55

We have built a piece of new road on Belmont Street, Beaver, as laid out by County Commissioners, from the highway appropriation, at an expense of about \$260. We are of the opinion that the time has come when crushed stone should be used on some of our roads in town.

SAMUEL KEITH,
HERBERT C. KEITH,
GEO. L. CHAMBERLAIN,

Road Commissioners.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF CATTLE AND MEAT.

Having been appointed in the spring of 1894, I inspected, before June of that year, one hundred and ninety-five cows; all belonging to herds furnishing milk or butter for the market.

During the month of June, an act was passed compelling the inspection of all neat cattle found within the limits of the town; under this law I examined five hundred and seventy-six cattle. Taken as a whole, I found them in good condition. Have quarantined ten cows; of these, five have been released and five condemned; on being killed and inspected, all were satisfied that they were diseased.

We have two licensed slaughter houses in town. I have inspected the carcasses of all cattle slaughtered and found them free from disease.

I wish to thank the owners of cattle for their hearty co-operation in the work of inspection.

W. T. GREENE.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

In no year, since the organization of the Board of Health, in East Bridgewater, have its labors been so extensive, its functions so numerous, or its tasks so onerous, as during the year which has passed, and the State authorities are continually goading us on to greater activity, and laying down *definite* rules, which are to be followed by us, with the utmost precision. The determination of the State to better protect the lives and health of its inhabitants is best proven by the different *Boards of Inspection*, which its laws have recently established.

The Board has examined and corrected a great many nuisances during the past year, and some which were corrected last year were found in a bad condition again this year, and they were again corrected. The owner of property, where such nuisances have been corrected, are hereby notified that they are required by the Board of Health to see to it that the said nuisances are not permitted again to exist. An unusually bad sanitary condition was found to exist in connection with seven or eight pieces of property on the street leading to the station. Several of these have been renovated, to the entire satisfaction of the Board, but others have not, and must be attended to as soon as the frost leaves the ground, in the spring.

We have also published "Regulations for the Public Health and Safety," which have been posted in public and conspicuous places.

The existence of a Cattle Inspector relieves the Board of Health of nearly all work in the line of cattle; but, whatever

duties have arisen in this department, we have endeavored to perform.

Scarlet fever has appeared in two outbursts this year, but, through the whole epidemic, the disease has run a mild course, and no deaths have been reported. In January, three families were affected, several children in one of these. In March, three cases occurred, all in different families. In April, two houses were attacked, one in each. Then there were no more cases until November, when one was reported.

In December thirteen cases were reported. The cases occurring in November and December were all among children who attended the Block and Pond schools. Great apprehension was felt, lest this might prove an extensive outbreak, but, we are glad to report that the spread of the disease was prevented, to a good degree, and that, in *no case* did it extend from one family to another in the vicinity. The Block school-house was thoroughly fumigated. This was not deemed necessary, in the case of the Pond school-house, as this had been closed, during vacation, previous to the epidemic. All houses, where the disease had existed, were thoroughly fumigated before scholars were allowed to go from them to the public schools. Those dispensing books from the Public Library, were prohibited from so doing to families infected with the scarlet fever, and those already distributed to such families were ordered burned by the Board.

It is a prime object of the Board of Health to educate all individuals, under its jurisdiction, in the science of hygiene, and to enlighten them upon all matters of *recent discovery* which pertain to their individual health.

Great advance has been made, during the past few years and months, in our knowledge of consumption. This disease is one of the greatest enemies with which man contends to-day. It is the cause of about one sixth of all deaths which occur in the world. The cow is the most consumptive, perhaps, of all

animals, and her milk is a ready vehicle by which the tuberculous germs are conveyed into the body of man. In those countries where the milk of the goat and reindeer is used, to the exclusion of that of the cow, consumption is practically unknown. The State has taken active measures in regard to the prevention of the spread of this disease from cattle to mankind, and now has sent out slips warning the public, and instructing them how to prevent its spread from man to man. We will incorporate this slip into our report, expecting that every family in town will read it, and earnestly *desiring* them, for their own good and that of their fellows, to practise its instructions as far as possible. At present we use the word "desiring," but, be assured, the time is not far distant when the laws of the Commonwealth, as well as those of other States, will absolutely require every consumptive to follow, rigidly, rules of disinfection or isolation, as in case of those affected with leprosy, and will be enforced.

INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

"THE PREVENTION OF CONSUMPTION."

"Consumption is the most destructive disease of New England, the number of persons dying annually from this disease in Massachusetts amounting to nearly six thousand."

"The disease is infectious, and can be communicated from one person to another. The chief danger exists in the expectoration of the sick, and if this expectoration is carefully destroyed little danger need be feared."

"Consumptives should be instructed not to spit upon the floors of rooms, public halls, street and railway cars, and other vehicles, nor in the street, but into pieces of cloth or receptacles made for the purpose, containing water, or a saturated solution of carbolic acid (one part of carbolic acid crystals to about

fifteen parts of water). Such bits of cloth should be destroyed by fire, before the sputa becomes dry, and other receptacles should be cleansed with scalding water, their contents having been destroyed or otherwise carefully disposed of. Handkerchiefs which may have been used from necessity should be boiled half an hour before washing."

"A healthy person should not sleep in the same room with a consumptive."

"Remember that sputa must never be allowed to become dry."

No regular monthly or bi-monthly meetings have been held by this as by many other Boards of Health, but, when any matter demanding our combined attention has arisen, a special meeting has been called.

We have organized a Board of Plumbers, according to law, and have licensed one to do plumbing in this town.

About one hundred school children were vaccinated, as a part of the work of the Board, this year.

It is recommended that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated by the town for the use of the Board of Health, should its use be required during the present year.

ROBERT YOUNG,
A. L. SHIRLEY,
W. T. GREENE,

Board of Health of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Board now consists of Edmund W. Nutter and Mary H. Rust, whose terms expire in 1895, Alfred B. Parker and Alice E. Strong, whose terms expire in 1896, Isaac N. Nutter and William H. Taylor, whose terms expire in 1897.

The Board organized March 14, 1894, by choice of Alfred B. Parker, chairman, and I. N. Nutter, secretary and treasurer.

The increase in the number of books taken from the library during the year is proof that the enlarged accommodations and having the library open one additional (Saturday) afternoon each week, have proved the action taken by the trustees in securing the present quarters to be timely and judicious.

The trustees regret that Miss Lucy Siddall, the faithful and efficient librarian, has been obliged, owing to ill health, to absent herself from the library for a number of weeks.

Her place has been filled by Master Clifton Edson who, under direction of Miss Siddall, has performed the duties well and acceptably.

The citizens of the town are to be congratulated that through the forethought and generosity of Mr. Cyrus Washburn, of Wellesley Hills, Mass., a native of this town, the library will eventually have a permanent home in a building to be erected for its use on the site of the former Catholic Church at the corner of Union and Bedford streets.

By a deed of trust executed July 18, 1894, stocks of the par value of ten thousand dollars were conveyed by Mr. Washburn to Hon. B. W. Harris, Hon. I. N. Nutter, Benj. W. Keith, Geo. M. Keith, and Robert O. Harris, Esq., as trustees of the Washburn Library Building Fund.

Eight hundred dollars of this amount was used to purchase the lot, and plans are soon to be obtained. When directed so to do by the donor, the trustees will erect a brick and stone building to be known as the Washburn Library Building.

The following statistics show the number of books taken out and also convey other information which the trustees judge will be of interest to the taxpayers of the town and patrons of the library.

Number of new books added including a new set of Shakespeare in 10 vols.,	76
Agricultural and educational reports donated by Mr. Henry Gurney,	22
Public documents,	12
Patent Office Reports, bound vols.,	26
Paper covered novels have been donated by several persons, in all	65 vols.
Number of books taken from library,	10,833 "
Increase over 1893,	1,947 "
Increase over 1892,	4,707 "
Library was opened 152 days.	
Largest number of books given out April 7,	143 "
Smallest number of books given out June 11,	23 "
Average number,	71.27 "
Cards issued, 110, whole number, 1,280.	

Of the books circulated, 8,954 were fiction and juvenile fiction.

The books taken out are classified as follows:—

Fiction, 62.27+.	Juvenile fiction, 20.28+.
History, 4.14+.	Travel, 3.18+.
Science, 2.94+.	Biography, 3.15+.
Magazines, 3.91+.	

For the Trustees,

ALFRED B. PARKER, *Chairman.*

I. N. NUTTER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand,	\$1 91
Town treasurer, annual appropriation,	450 00
Town treasurer, income from Johnson fund,	68 25
Librarian for catalogues sold,	4 25
“ fines collected,	36 83
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	\$561 24

EXPENDITURES.

Lucy L. Siddall, services as librarian,	\$156 25
Clifton Edson, services as assistant,	23 75
Lucy L. Siddall, care of room,	34 25
Bosworth Brothers, wood,	1 00
E. W. Nutter, magazines,	17 25
M. S. Curtis, painting book cases,	6 96
Perry, Mason & Co., subscription to Youth's Companion,	1 75
W. B. Clarke & Co., books,	76 09
D. Appleton & Co., books,	6 00
A. B. Parker, maps and books,	2 25
Harper & Brothers, books,	14 00
C. H. Waterman, zinc,	75
F. C. Nutter, supplies,	2 33
Lucy L. Siddall, supplies,	9 07

Joshua Dean, coal, including bill for 1892-93,	\$22 00
Satucket Masonic Building Association, rent,	125 00
J. Burrell, printing slips and catalogues,	24 75
H. M. Plimpton & Co., binding books,	26 00
S. W. S. Howard, rubber stamp,	40
Alger & Co., express,	2 20
I. N. Nutter, book,	50
Lucy L. Siddall, extra services,	2 50
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Cash on hand,	6 19
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	\$561 24

I. N. NUTTER,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

JARVIS BURRELL, *Town Treasurer,*

In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1894.	DR.	
Feb. 5.	Balance as per previous report,	\$1,744 17
	Individual note,	500 00
April 9.	Town of Bridgewater,	69 73
	10. State Street Safe Deposit & Trust Co., borrowed of,	12,000 00
	16. State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	162 92
	" " National Bank Tax,	18 29
	31. Clerk of Police Court, Brockton, fine,	15 00
	23. C. F. O'Brien, pedler's license,	8 00
	27. Frank Smith, license of sixth class,	1 00
	30. Clerk of Police Court, Brockton, fine,	10 00
May 10.	Almshouse,	130 00
	31. Clerk of Police Court, fine,	20 00
June 19.	State Treasurer, on account of Supt. of Schools,	983 33
	28. Fred. L. Soper, pedler's license,	8 00
July 3.	Clerk of Police Court, Brockton, fine,	5 00
	14. J. A. Cook, pedler's license,	8 00
Sept. 1.	Overseers of poor,	100 00
	20. City of Brockton, aid to Sophia Harlow,	60 00

Sept.	24.	Town of Raynham, aid to Susie E. Tuck,	\$126 28
	27.	James H. Fullerton, pedler's license,	8 00
Oct.	4.	Fall River Savings Bank, income of Johnson Fund,	22 75
Nov.	1.	State Street Safe Deposit & Trust Co., borrowed of,	3,000 00
	3.	E. N. Ward, butcher's license,	1 00
	16.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of,	3,500 00
Dec.	1.	G. E. Leonard, butcher's license,	1 00
	11.	State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	1,845 37
		“ “ National Bank Tax,	747 14
		“ “ Military aid,	48 00
		“ “ State aid,	682 00
		Frank Smith, Town Clerk, amount received for pool table licenses,	4 00
	12.	George W. Parker, borrowed of,	500 00
1895.			
Jan.	9.	Town of Abington, aid to J. F. Snook,	5 00
	15.	County Treasurer, dividend on dog tax,	429 75
		East Bridgewater Savings Bank, income of Johnson Fund,	45 50
		Town of West Bridgewater, aid to Susan E. Dunbar,	90 00
		Town of West Bridgewater, aid to C. E. Fisher,	32 26
		Town of Raynham, aid to Susie E. Tuck,	43 57
		Town of Plymouth, aid to Geo F. Blake,	4 75
	25.	State Treasurer, income Mass. school fund,	245 09

Jan.	30.	Town of Whitman, account of military settlement,	\$27 93
Feb.	1.	Interest on deposits,	58 02
	4.	Frank Smith, account of taxes of 1891,	1 37
		“ “ “ “ “ 1892,	2 77
		“ “ “ “ “ 1893,	260 51
		“ “ “ “ “ 1894,	24,259 30
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			\$51,834 80

1894.

CR.

Feb.	6.	S. O. Cobb, court fee,	\$4 40
March	10.	State Street Safe Deposit and Trust Co., interest,	213 00
	10.	Plymouth Co. Safe Deposit and Trust Co., balance note,	1,000 00
		Plymouth Co. Safe Deposit and Trust Co., interest,	39 59
	30.	Town notes,	400 00
		Interest on town notes,	9 67
		New Bedford Institution for Savings, interest,	56 25
		New Bedford Institution for Savings, account of principal,	500 00
		Individual Note and interest,	502 50
	31.	N. B. Robins, court fees,	9 30
		Benj. Siddall, “ “	3 48
April	28.	State treasurer, account of license fee,	25
		Benj. Siddall, court fees,	6 12
May	31.	Benj. Siddall, “ “	13 32
July	3.	Lemuel A. Ashport, court fees,	6 50
		R. J. Mitchell, “ “	6 88
		Benj. Siddall, “ “	8 20
Aug.	4.	R. J. Mitchell, “ “	7 94
Sept.	1.	W. T. Green, “ “	6 78

Sept.	1.	Benj. Siddall, court fees,	\$5 00
Oct.	1.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, interest,	45 00
	6.	Trustees of Public Library, income of Johnson Fund,	22 75
	13.	State Street Safe Deposit and Trust Co., account note,	11,000 00
Nov.	1.	State Street Safe Deposit and Trust Co., interest,	15 00
		County Treasurer, County Tax,	2,229 10
	16.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note,	900 00
		“ “ “ “ interest,	46 88
Dec.	6.	W. T. Green, court fees,	4 38
	11.	State treasurer, State Tax,	1,450 00
	12.	George W. Parker, note,	500 00
		George W. Parker, interest,	40 00
	22.	State Street Safe Deposit and Trust Co., balance note,	1,000 00
		State Street Safe Deposit and Trust Co., interest,	5 75
	31.	State Street Safe Deposit and Trust Co., note,	3,000 00
1895.			
Jan.	2.	T. S. H. Rounseville, court fees,	5 78
	15.	Trustees Public Library, income Johnson Fund,	45 50
		Amount, orders drawn by selectmen,	16,977 30
		“ “ “ “ School Committee,	10,231 81
Feb.	4.	Cash on hand,	1,516 37
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			\$51,834 80

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

FRANK SMITH, *Collector,*

In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1891.	DR.		
To amount collected,			\$44 96
1891.	CR.		
By amount paid Treasurer,		\$1 37	
By amount uncollected,		43 59	
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1892.	DR.		
To amount uncollected,			44 37
1892.	CR.		
By amount paid Treasurer,		\$2 77	
By amount uncollected,		41 60	
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1893.	DR.		
To amount uncollected,		\$312 36	
To interest collected,		6 61	
		<hr/>	318 97
1893.	CR.		
By amount paid Treasurer,		\$260 51	
By amount uncollected,		58 46	
		<hr/>	318 97
1894.	DR.		
To amount committed,		\$24,513 72	
To interest collected,		116 49	
		<hr/>	24,630 21

1894.	CR.	
By amount paid Treasurer,		\$24,259 30
By amount uncollected,		370 91
		<hr/> \$24,630 21

The uncollected taxes for the years 1891, 1892, 1893, are for taxes assessed upon lots sold by the Hanson Land Company.

FRANK SMITH, *Collector.*

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 4, 1895.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

BIRTHS.

DATE OF BIRTH.		FULL NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
1894			
Jan.	31	Alice Evelyn Doughty	Elmer H. and Huldah A.
Feb.	12	Harvey Doane McGray	Harvey D. and Bessie B.
"	13	Allan Tower Fisher	John F. and Ruth E.
"	16	Jennie Feeney	Michael F. and Jane A.
"	23	Lyman Thomas Cushing	Nelson L. and Alice L.
March	2	Edith Irene Scott	Charles E. and Catherine.
"	4	Alice Malvina Shepard	John B. and Julia.
"	11	Charles Everett Packard	Walter E. and Etta E.
"	12	Ferdinand Prince Tuck } Frederic Parker Tuck }	Susan Tuck.
"	26	George Edward Kelly	Timothy and Joanna.
"	28	Mary Eva Tardie	Moses and Alma.
"	31	Agnes Elizabeth Paine	Howard W. and Mary.
April	5	Alice Leary	William H. and Mary A.
"	5	Edith LeClaire	Alexia and Mary.
"	15	Joseph Bargerion	Arthur and Lizzie.
"	16	Mary Louisa Dubois	Francis X. and Annie.
"	22	Marietta Elizabeth Shute	Edward and Lucy J.
May	1	Shirley Sumner Robbins	David B. and Aurelia E.
"	5	Lucy May Phillips	Henry L. and Sarah G.
"	10	Mary Ledia Bouchard	Joseph and Agleer.
"	13	Charles Henry McKenzie	Fred E. and Armedia A. A.
"	16	Amy Margaret Mann	George T. and Mary E.
"	25	William Leon Murphy	William J. and Mary L.
"	29	Russell Stanton Keith	F. Elmer and Lizzie.
June	10	Gordon Edward Howland	George S. and M. Ruth.
"	15	Mary Joseph Davila	Joseph and Mary.
"	15	Gladys May Sturtevant	Andrew P. and Myra.
"	26	Earle Russell Benson	William F. and Josephine A.
"	1	Percy Francis Keith	Fred. L. and Jennie M.
"	22	Sarah Elizabeth Turnbull	George E. and Emma F.
"	27	Maynard Hilman Hemmenway	James A. and Laura M.
July	14	Bessie Higgins	Matthew S. and Hattie L.
"	16	Horace Whitman Collamore	Frank and Florence A.
"	18	Ruth Clifton Churchill	Arthur and Louie.
Aug.	4	Amy Josephine Sandridge	George W. and Annie L.
"	22	Elva Wright Hatch	Arthur and Lucy H.
Sept.	19	Joseph Perry	John and Annie.
Oct.	11	Amy Lynnette Keith	Sam. A. and Annie D.
"	19	Mary Lydia Aveline Lavois	Louis and Philomena.
"	20	William Joseph Hennessey	Maurice E. and Anastasia F.

BIRTHS — *Continued.*

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAME.
Oct. 27	Dorothy Isabel Chesney	Frank R. and Inez G.
" 27	Earle Francis Soule	Sam. E. and Cora W.
Nov. 3	Annie May Fisher	Charles E. and Lucy J.
" 9	Dorothy May Bradford	Frank A. and Jessie H.
" 13	Myrtle Edson Rollins	Charles L. and Minerva.
" 14	Roy Wilson Mosher	William W. and Mary.
" 15	Margaret Kenneally	Edmund J. and Mary.
Dec. 1	Frederic Edward Brown . . .	Louis E. and Elizabeth C.
" 6	Ruth Palmer	Frank H. and Jessie.
" 9	Marie Allix Forcier	Louis and Elidie.
" 9	— Bowditch	Roger W. and Mary W.
" 17	Elizabeth Crowley	Patrick H. and Annie.
" 17	Elmer Stetson Wright	Elmer E. and Abbie L.
" 17	Robert McDonald	Robert R. and Amy A.
" 18	Mitchell James Goshie	Mitchell and Ellen.
" 24	Elizabeth Adelaide Osborne . .	Henry A. and Emily J. L.
1893		
March 10	Albert Seabury Howland . . .	George S. and M. Ruth.
Oct. 29	Charles Southworth Wilbur . .	Eustace R. and Alice P.

Number of births in 1894, 57.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

MARRIAGES.

Recorded in the town of East Bridgewater for the year 1894.

Date of Marriage.

1894

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| Jan. | 7. | Frank A. Drew, of East Bridgewater, and Hannah J. Sturtevant, of Halifax. By Rev. R. E. Smith. |
| Feb. | 1. | Samuel J. Kingston, of East Bridgewater, and Alice T. Flynn, of Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelley. |
| | 10. | William J. Sellers and Annie E. McDonald, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. H. Palmer. |
| | 12. | Norry H. Cox and Alice G. Stetson, both of Whitman. By Rev. J. W. Quinby. |
| | 21. | Elwin Hobart and Kate S. Lord, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Frederic Edwards. |
| | 28. | Sam A. Keith and Annie D. Holmes, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby. |
| March | 3. | Olaf Polson, of East Bridgewater, and Christine Petersen, of Brockton. By Rev. John A. Norlin. |
| | 14. | George E. Bates, of East Bridgewater, and Mildred F. Durphy, of Halifax. By Rev. J. W. Quinby. |
| | 29. | Winslow B. Crocker and Katie Archibald, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. M. B. Wilson. |
| Apr. | 21. | Elmer R. Whitman, of East Bridgewater, and Rose Spencer, of Brockton. By Rev. Albert Hammatt. |
| | 24. | Alexander F. Dorey, of Brockton, and Eliza E. Rogers, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. J. O'Donnell. |

- May 23. Minot F. Severance and Loretta C. Chandler, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. H. Palmer.
29. William H. Collins and Ida M. Nute, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. H. Palmer.
- June 20. Everett C. Edson, of Whitman, and Alice N. Whitman, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. C. E. Tullar.
23. Chester P. Holmes, of Bridgewater, and Annie A. Campbell, of Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
30. Charles W. Waterman and Martha R. Broderick, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- July 4. Jared Baker and Ella F. Sturtevant, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Aura L. Gerrish.
- Aug. 12. Harry E. Wares and Alice M. McKenzie, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. H. S. Hunnewell.
17. Alfred F. Keene and Fannie W. Sampson, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. M. B. Wilson.
- Sept. 11. John H. Kenneally, of Whitman, and Jennie S. Frost, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelley.
- Oct. 11. Edward S. Murphy and Nellie G. Crowley, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelley.
22. Aaron Hobart, Jr., of East Bridgewater, and Anna F. Holbrook, of Weymouth. By Rev. J. V. Clancy.
- Nov. 16. Warren E. Keith and Mabel S. Soper, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.
17. Benjamin A. Howland, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Grace E. Gardner, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

- Nov. 29. William J. Sheehan, of Brockton, and Alice J. Drislane, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.
- Dec. 9. Lester A. Harden, of Rockland, and Lillian J. Blanchard, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. William Brunton.
25. Frank C. Sturtevant and Agnes B. Harding, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Charles A. Eaton.

Whole number of marriages, 27.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER,
FOR THE YEAR 1894.

DATE OF DEATH.		NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
			Years.	Months.	Days.	
Jan.	4	{ Child of Zenas A. and Ada F. Jenkins . . }	-	-	2	Convulsions.
"	5	Elizabeth Parker . . .	25	7	12	Consumption.
"	8	George E. Bird . . .	73	-	-	Heart disease.
"	11	Bertrand A. Blanchard,	4	9	27	Peritonitis.
"	16	Ada F. Jenkins . . .	37	3	10	Cerebral embolism
"	31	Edwin F. Dyson, Jr. .	9	4	21	Uremia.
Feb.	9	Lucy D. Tower . . .	71	8	8	Syncope.
"	13	Sarah E. Freeman . .	61	4	11	Phthisis.
"	14	Susan F. Dunham . .	62	8	-	Rheumatoid arthritis.
"	22	Lucy M. E. Ellis . . .	28	5	29	Consumption.
March	2	Mary A. Hayward . .	74	8	6	Cerebral hemorrhage.
"	4	Elizabeth Leavitt . .	64	4	-	Organic heart disease.
"	13	Helen M. Whiting . .	55	-	18	Pernicious anæmia.
"	15	John E. Davenport . .	82	-	2	Apoplexy.
"	22	John T. Murphy . . .	-	3	27	Catarrhal pneumonitis.
"	24	Leonard P. Churchill .	1	2	-	Convulsions. [chitis.
April	5	Andrew Crowley . . .	69	-	-	Acute catarrhal bron-
"	16	Sewall T. Copp . . .	57	9	-	Heart disease.
"	17	Annie S. Hadfield . .	3	-	20	Membranous croup.
"	21	Bridget Cunningham .	50	-	-	Apoplexy.
"	21	George W. Sprague . .	65	4	11	Blood poisoning.
May	19	Benjamin Ward . . .	74	1	2	Gastritis.
"	30	George F. Wyatt . . .	9	8	-	Drowning, accidental.
June	17	Samuel Poole	96	10	-	Old age.
"	30	Patrick Quigley . . .	74	-	-	Apoplexy.
July	10	John Buckley	17	2	12	Phthisis pulmonalis.
"	13	Mary E. Beals	54	6	7	Tuberculosis.
"	30	Jacob H. Crossman . .	73	2	13	Paralysis.
Aug.	10	Gladys L. Chamberlain,	-	5	9	Cholera infantum.
Sept.	7	Lelia Bouchard	-	4	-	Cholera infantum.
"	17	N. Jennie Burrill . .	59	5	14	Heart disease.
"	21	Mary E. Webber . . .	44	4	19	Typhoid fever.
Oct.	6	Idella Thompson . . .	1	6	14	Convulsions.
"	10	Mary Louise Dubois . .	-	5	24	Dentition.
"	22	Sarah Leach	76	-	-	Heart failure.
"	22	Frederic S. Strong . .	70	2	-	Paralysis.
"	23	Jeremiah Fisher . . .	85	11	6	Congestion of liver.
Nov.	12	Charles A. Latham . .	87	3	20	Old age.
"	18	Letitia M. Tirrell . . .	80	10	-	Disease of liver.

DEATHS — *Continued.*

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
Nov. 20	John Murray	80	—	—	Heart disease.
" 20	Seth P. Conant	77	3	9	Typhoid pneumonia.
" 20	Phila E. Conant	73	8	24	Congestion of liver.
" 20	Alexander G. Morrison,	37	—	—	Typhoid fever.
Dec. 6	Ruth Palmer	—	—	—	Died in birth.
" 11	Henrietta C. Gorton . .	77	9	19	Old age.
" 15	Leroy S. Hamilton . .	57	11	4	Epithelioma of tongue.
" 17	Samuel L. Seaver . . .	60	5	28	Typhoid fever.
" 21	Thomas Griggs	69	10	19	Cirrhosis of liver.
" 25	Sarah E. Weld	53	8	17	Pneumonia.

Whole number of deaths, 49.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have received the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Assessors, and Collector, and beg leave to report as follows : —

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on treasurer,	\$16,977 30
Amount of orders paid by treasurer,	16,977 30

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on treasurer,	\$10,231 81
Amount of orders paid by treasurer,	10,231 81

TREASURER.

Amount on hand, Jan. 1, 1894, and received during the year,	\$51,834 80
Amount paid during the year,	50,318 43
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Cash on hand,	\$1,516 37

COLLECTOR.

Amount committee for collection,	\$24,513 72
Interest,	116 49
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	\$24,630 21
Amount paid to treasurer,	24,259 30
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Uncollected taxes,	\$370 91

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Amount on hand, Dec. 31, 1893, and received during the year 1894,	\$321 52
Amount paid out during the year 1894,	289 22
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Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1895,	\$32 30
Total valuation, \$1,461,092.	
Rate per \$1,000, \$15.50.	

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. DUNPHE,
Auditor.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 12, 1895.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER,

AND

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

FOR THE YEAR 1894.



SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1895.

Spring Term begins April 1, closes June 14; 11 weeks.

Fall Term begins Sept. 9, closes Dec. 20; 15 weeks. Vacation, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

Winter Term begins Jan. 6, 1896, closes March 13, 1896; 10 weeks.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring Term begins April 1, closes June 28; 13 weeks.

Fall Term begins Sept. 9; closes Dec. 20; 15 weeks. Vacation, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

Winter Term begins Dec. 30, closes March 20, 1896; 12 weeks.

Storm Signals.—11 — 111111 — two blows, pause, six blows, struck three times on church bells at 8.05 A. M., no school for the day.

Regular Meetings of the Committee.— Second Monday evening of each month, at 7.30 o'clock.

Superintendent's Office Hours.— At town office Mondays and Thursdays, from 3.30 to 5.30 P. M. during school days.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1894.

Edward T. Morse,	term expires	1895
Richard W. Nutter,	“ “	1895
Fannie M. Shaw,	“ “	1896
Susan B. Dulphe,	“ “	1896
Alice R. Allen,	“ “	1897
Robert O. Harris,	“ “	1897

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

R. W. NUTTER, *Chairman.*

S. B. DUNPHE, *Secretary.*

E. T. MORSE, *Treasurer.*

R. D. McKEEN, *Supt. of Schools.*

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of East Bridgewater:

Your school committee organized on the 12th of March, 1894, by the election of Mr. Richard W. Nutter as chairman, Mr. Edward T. Morse as treasurer, and Mrs. N. F. Dunphe as secretary.

No change has been made in the Union District, as, contrary to our expressed fears, the system was ratified by the citizens of Raynham in their annual town meeting. The joint committee of the three towns comprising the district met in West Bridgewater in April and chose Mr. Robert O. Harris chairman, and Mrs. Martha K. Crosby, of West Bridgewater, secretary; Mr. R. D. McKeen was unanimously re-elected district superintendent.

Before the opening of the present school year the committee decided unanimously to close the Curtisville school for the fall term and to transport the nine scholars to Eastville, a step which they have long had in contemplation. As the coach to the grammar school runs along Washington Street and is available for the Curtisville pupils, the additional cost of transportation is small. The results have been entirely satisfactory, and we believe the school had best remain closed so long as the number of scholars remains so small as at present. Some friction and spirit of rivalry, such as can never be obtained in classes of one or two pupils, is necessary to keep up the interest and call out the best efforts of scholars. The saving in expense, upwards of four hundred dollars, is also to be considered, as it furnishes a considerable offset to the item of transportation.

The work of the committee has been rendered somewhat difficult the past year by the reductions in the appropriations for various school purposes. In the past the town has shown a liberal disposition towards its schools, ranking in this respect

among the first in the county. There are three reasons why it is necessary to continue this policy to obtain satisfactory results: First, the town is large territorially and small in population, so that the number of schools which must be maintained is large in proportion to the number of scholars. Second, we are among the smallest towns required by law to maintain a High School, the minimum being towns of five hundred families. Third, we are surrounded by wealthier towns that set the standard to which we must try to attain. In recommending their appropriations the committee have to keep these conditions in mind. At the same time they have not lost sight of the needs of other departments and the ability of our tax payers.

A word should be said in explanation of the expenditures for the repairs of school buildings, the appropriation for which has been overrun about three hundred and thirty dollars. We are of the opinion that the best judgment of the tax payers does not favor a "penny wise and pound foolish" policy that allows town property to deteriorate for want of proper repairs. Competent carpenters urged the immediate shingling of the Elmwood and Satucket schools, as recommended in our report of last year. We therefore caused it to be done, believing that thereby the best interests of the town have been served. We renew our recommendation that one school-house be thoroughly repaired each year. Not only do the buildings need it, but the expense of this work would thus be more evenly distributed from year to year. At present no less than three school-houses need to be painted, viz., the High, Beaver, and the West Primary and Intermediate. We ask for an appropriation sufficient to do half of the work this year. We also recommend that new desks be purchased for the grammar school as urged by the superintendent in his report.

It was with regret that the services of the special teacher in music were dispensed with at the end of the spring term, owing to the cut in the appropriation for this purpose, which was not

anticipated. The importance of music in the school curriculum is too well established to admit of the supposition that the suspension is other than temporary. On this point and on the matter of a special teacher in drawing we refer you to the report of the superintendent whose views we heartily endorse.

The appropriation for insurance has been overrun about seventy dollars. It was caused by our having to double the amount of insurance carried on the High School Building, the result of regulations recently adopted by the insurance companies, making policy holders co-insurers up to eighty per cent of the value of the property insured.

In conclusion, the condition of your schools is constantly improving. Grades have been raised, modern methods and text-books introduced, and the work generally systematized. Too much importance cannot be attached to the services of a skilled superintendent, whose whole time is spent in educational work, as a factor in bringing about this result.

We recommend the following appropriations for 1895 : —

For school purposes,	\$6,100 00
Books and supplies,	500 00
Incidentals,	325 00
Minor repairs,	150 00
Painting High School,	175 00
Music teacher,	175 00
Drawing teacher,	175 00
Transportation,	525 00
Salary of Superintendent,	350 00

MRS. JAS. S. ALLEN.
 MRS. N. F. DUNPHE.
 MRS. ALLAN B. SHAW.
 ROBERT O. HARRIS.
 EDWARD T. MORSE.
 RICHARD W. NUTTER.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$6,000 00
Received under Act of 1893,	233 33
Received from Massachusetts School Fund,	245 09
Received dividend on Dog Tax,	429 75
Total,	<u>\$6,908 17</u>

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

Louis A. Crocker, High School,	\$562 50
Ralph A. Sturges, High School,	375 00
Alice D. Eddy, High School,	12 50
Grace Savage, High School,	300 00
M. Edna Wakefield, High School,	168 75
Flora A. Burgess, Grammar School,	108 00
E. Florence Jordan, Grammar School,	312 00
Mary E. Lyon, Grammar School,	36 00
M. Edna Wakefield, Grammar School,	120 00
Alice G. Bourbeau, Grammar School,	142 50
Sarah O. Morse, Centre Intermediate,	81 00
Ma Belle Fletcher, Centre Intermediate,	243 00
Helen A. Luddy, West Intermediate,	340 00
Abbie U. Weston, West Primary,	231 00
Elizabeth Hayes, West Primary,	90 00

Grace Manter, West Primary,	\$9 00
Cora B. Crabtre, West Primary,	20 00
Julia Mansfield, Beaver Intermediate,	360 00
Annie A. Longfellow, Beaver Primary,	187 00
Grace N. Bramhall, Beaver Primary,	171 00
Hattie Hilton, Elmwood Intermediate,	360 00
Grace L. Cook, Elmwood Primary,	324 00
Alice G. Bourbeau, Satucket,	168 00
Sadie E. Childs, Satucket,	135 00
E. Isabelle Ramsdell, Curtisville,	168 00
Sadie Frost, Eastville,	178 50
Ethel Parker, Eastville,	127 50
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, Northville,	210 00
Grace M. Libby, Northville,	135 00
Addie B. Sanborn, North Primary,	210 00
Myra B. Deasy, North Primary,	130 00
Town of Whitman, tuition,	20 00
Total,	<hr/> \$6,035 25

FUEL.

John Beard, preparing wood,	\$1 50
Joshua Dean, coal,	341 80
G. W. Alger, coal,	175 28
J. D. Jones, wood,	18 50
Total,	<hr/> \$537 08

CARE OF HOUSES AND CLEANING.

H. A. Grow, care High School,	\$152 65
Daniel Nash, care West Building,	14 00
Nellie J. Barrett, care West Building,	6 00
E. R. Leach, care Beaver,	9 75
Mrs. Moberg, care Beaver,	9 00

Samuel Allen, care Beaver,	\$8 00
Seth B. Edson, care Elmwood,	14 00
Kenneth Lyon, care Elmwood,	5 50
Charles Lyon, care Elmwood,	3 00
Fred W. Turnbull, care Elmwood,	10 00
Alice G. Bourbeau, care Satucket,	7 00
Richmond Parker, care Satucket,	1 70
E. Isabelle Ramsdell, care Curtisville,	7 00
John Beard, care Eastville,	3 00
Sadie Frost, care Eastville,	3 00
Willie E. Sharpe, care Eastville,	4 00
George Platt, carrying water, Eastville,	2 00
Willie E. Sharpe, carrying water, Eastville,	1 25
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, care Northville,	7 00
Grace M. Libby, care Northville,	4 00
Mrs. D. Geary, care North Primary,	13 00
Mrs. Geo. McDermott, cleaning,	34 18
Mabel Allen, washing windows, Beaver,	1 00
Mrs. A. Hathaway, cleaning Elmwood,	2 00
Sadie Frost, cleaning Eastville,	3 00

Total,	\$325 03
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RECAPITULATION.

Paid for teaching,	\$6,035 25
Fuel,	537 08
Care and cleaning,	325 03
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Total,	\$6,897 36
Amount available,	6,908 17
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Unexpended,	\$10 81

REPAIRS ON BUILDINGS.

Arthur C. Churchill, stock and labor,	\$6 78
M. S. Curtis, " " "	56 28
Percy Fuller, " " "	2 00
Hutchinson & Kimball, blinds,	75
Z. A. Jenkins, lumber,	19 77
J. S. Kingman, stock and labor,	33 85
Frank Lewis, " " "	1 00
Geo. F. Lombard, " " "	40 52
Isam Mitchell & Co., lumber,	7 29
Geo. A. Simmons, stock and labor,	10 25
Waldo Bros., chimney tops,	7 66
John M. Whiting, stock and labor,	6 00
Eliab Whitman, " " "	3 50
Geo. A. Wright, " " "	5 65
Total,	<hr/> \$201 30
Appropriation,	50 00
Excess,	<hr/> \$151 30

INCIDENTALS.

Elbert Allen, storm signals,	\$1 00
Alger's Express,	11 70
Jarvis Burrell, printing,	56 52
Carver Cotton Gin Co., labor,	1 60
A. C. Chandler, rent of piano,	7 50
W. K. Churchill, sundries,	2 01
E. L. Clark, labor,	4 00
Carroll S. Dunphe, labor,	2 00
E. B. Savings Bank, use of hall,	8 00
Franklin Educational Co., apparatus,	2 55
H. A. Grow, storm signals,	1 00
Lewis B. Hayward, labor,	1 25

Hopkinson & Holden, brooms, pails, etc.,	\$19 63
Samuel J. Hoyt, labor,	2 00
Geo. Hudson, storm signals,	1 50
Geo. L. Jones, repairs on clocks,	6 50
H. C. Keith, labor,	4 20
S. E. Keith, “	1 75
Massachusetts Bible Society, Bibles,	1 10
R. D. McKeen, car fares, postage, etc.,	47 32
E. T. Morse, school census,	25 00
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, cash paid,	1 55
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford R. R., freight,	2 17
E. W. Nutter, newspapers, etc.,	20 80
F. C. Nutter, sundries,	15 28
Bertha Paine, type-writing,	9 50
Pathfinder Publishing Co., “Pathfinder,”	1 00
Frank Smith, chemicals, etc.,	9 97
Thomas, Packard & Co., desk,	10 00
Mrs. James Timmons, labor,	1 00
L. J. Voigt, filling diplomas,	4 85
Chas. H. Waterman, stock and labor,	59 16
M. L. Webber, carting, 1893 and 1894,	22 00
E. N. West, labor,	1 50
Washburn & Davie, sundries,	5 38
A. J. Wilkinson & Co., locks,	3 19
Total,	<hr/> \$375 48
Appropriation,	325 00
Excess,	<hr/> \$50 48

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

American Book Co., books,	\$50 37
Edw. E. Babb & Co., books,	15 13
Arthur C. Boyden, paper,	2 25
Central School Supply House, chart,	37 50

Louis A. Crocker, paper,	\$14 15
Ginn & Company, books,	105 93
J. L. Hammett, books and supplies,	43 59
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	2 55
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books,	7 00
Lee & Shepard, books,	1 34
Maynard, Merrill & Co., books,	3 36
Geo. S. Perry & Co., supplies,	177 95
J. B. Tirrell & Co., paper,	2 88
Thompson, Brown & Co., books,	44 28
University Publishing Co., books,	27 90

Total,	\$536 18
Appropriation,	500 00

Excess,	\$36 18
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TRANSPORTATION.

W. L. Benson,	\$70 00
Jessie W. Dunbar,	5 20
Martin A. Hayward,	6 00
C. A. Hodgdon,	2 70
Edith S. Holmes,	2 77
Chas. Howe,	1 00
Albert Kelly,	201 65
S. A. Luzarder,	2 00
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford R. R.,	15 45
Howard Paine,	5 70
M. L. Webber,	200 00
Catherine Wilbur,	1 00

Total,	\$513 47
Appropriation,	500 00

Excess,	\$13 47
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MUSIC.

Alice A. Barrows, teaching,	\$150 00
M. L. Webber, carriage hire,	40 00
Ginn & Company, music readers,	54 28
Ginn & Company, music,	4 79
D. C. Heath & Co., music,	1 80
Oliver Ditson Co., music,	4 86
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Total,	\$255 73
Appropriation,	200 00
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Excess,	\$55 73

INSURANCE.

B. W. Keith,	\$169 80
Appropriation,	100 00
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Excess,	\$69 80

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid R. D. McKeen on behalf of State,	\$750 00
Received from State,	312 50
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Due from State,	\$437 50
Paid R. D. McKeen, for town,	\$349 93
Appropriation,	350 00
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Unexpended,	\$0 07

SHINGLING HOUSES.

S. L. Seaver, Elmwood,	\$125 22
S. L. Seaver, Satucket,	57 34
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Total,	\$182 56
No appropriation.	

SUMMARY.

Appropriation, school purposes,	\$6,000 00
Received under Act of 1893,	233 33
Received for superintendent's salary,	312 50
Due from State for superintendent's salary,	437 50
Income of Massachusetts School Fund,	245 09
Income of Dog Tax,	429 75
Appropriation for books and supplies,	500 00
Incidentals,	325 00
Minor repairs,	50 00
Music and books,	200 00
Transportation,	500 00
Insurance,	100 00
Salary of superintendent,	350 00
Total,	<hr/> \$9,683 17
Paid for teaching,	\$6,035 25
Fuel,	537 08
Care of houses and cleaning,	325 03
Minor repairs,	201 30
Incidentals,	375 48
Text-books and supplies,	536 18
Transportation,	513 47
Music,	255 73
Insurance,	169 80
Superintendent,	349 93
Superintendent on behalf of State,	750 00
Shingling, Elmwood and Satucket,	182 56
Total,	<hr/> \$10,231 81
Excess,	\$548 64

EDW. T. MORSE,

Treas. School Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 1, 1895.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee of East Bridgewater :

I herewith submit my annual report of the schools of this town for the year ending December 31, 1894.

Population of East Bridgewater, United States census,	
1890,	2,911
Number of schools,	13
Number of teachers required,	15
Number of different teachers employed, during the	
year,	27
Number of teachers having Normal School training,	23
Number of children in town between the ages of 5 and	
15 years, as shown by the census taken : —	
May, 1894,	446
“ 1893,	436
“ 1892,	443
Number of children in town between the ages of 8	
and 14 years,	271
Number of different pupils enrolled on school registers	
during the year,	494
Number of pupils enrolled between the ages of 8 and	
14 years,	280
Number over 15 years of age enrolled,	29
Average membership,	423.6
Average attendance,	401.25

Average attendance per room,	30.86
Per cent of average attendance,	.947
“ “ “ for 1893,	.92
Number of visits by truant officers,	27

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

Not many radical changes or revolutions have been made in our schools for the past year. Some new work has been introduced and modern methods have been employed in many subjects with excellent results. Our schools are sorely handicapped in their work by frequent changes in teachers as a result of the lack of funds.

It was a severe blow to our schools when the amount recommended by the school committee last year was not appropriated. It resulted in the loss of all but one of our primary teachers, who had proved themselves efficient and were laying the foundation on which to build an excellent system of schools. Teachers, as well as any other class of people, will strive harder and do less complaining if their efforts are suitably rewarded. A fair salary ordinarily means a good teacher and a good school, but a low salary, in most cases, means a poor school. Labor deserves remuneration in proportion to its skill. Can the citizens of East Bridgewater afford to place in charge of their schools unskilled and untrained teachers? Every dollar appropriated for schools means so much more for the children.

If we are paying a good teacher nine dollars a week, and she is offered a higher compensation elsewhere, would it not be economy to pay such a teacher one, two, or even three dollars a week additional to retain her services? An increase of ten per cent to our usual appropriations for teachers' salaries would not perceptibly lessen the size of *any* man's pocket-book, but this amount would increase the efficiency of our schools ten-fold.

For inculcating the principles of morality and conduct, we must depend chiefly upon the examples afforded in the management of each school and the precepts that tend to direct and influence its daily work. In this sphere the parent and teacher should be co-workers, for if the teacher's likeness is shown in her work, how much more clearly do the children, in study and in play, in face and in bearing, reveal the true character of the home life.

The progressive teacher is not the one content that she has "taught the school out," but one who is continually bringing something beneficial to the minds of her pupils each day; not the one who claims that she has heard the usual quota of classes, but one who is constantly adding some new principle or circumstance that serves in developing the mental faculties of the pupils.

Complaints have repeatedly come to my attention, of late, of the hurry and excitement of school-work, and that small children find it necessary to do considerable school-work at their homes. I believe these complaints have some foundation. In my opinion, these accusations would cease to exist if the school year were lengthened to thirty-eight or forty weeks. If High School scholars are allowed forty weeks in which to do *their* work, it is only reasonable that younger pupils, whose mental powers do not admit of outside study, should be allowed the same time and thus make their work more thorough and less hurried.

The addition of a few weeks to our school year is equivalent to an increase in the salaries of teachers. Your superintendent can secure a better teacher for four hundred dollars a year than for three hundred and sixty dollars, even though she is required to teach another month in the year.

UNION OF SCHOOLS.

The temporary union of the Curtisville School with the Eastville at the beginning of the fall term accords with the principle that "In union is strength."

Surely the pupils have done much better work since the schools were united. The schools were both small in numbers and with one or two pupils in a class, — not large enough to awaken enthusiasm in the subjects taught, besides being a financial saving. The interest manifested and the rapid advancement made in this school since September is good proof for continuing the union during the winter term. As long as the number of pupils in the Curtisville district remains so small, it seems only wise to continue the transportation of the Curtisville children to the Eastville School.

COURSE IN READING.

In his report for 1893, your superintendent advocated a closer relationship between the schools and the Public Library, feeling that the library might be made to contribute more toward the work in English in our schools. Accordingly, the trustees of the library gave their consent to issue a "teacher's card," granting the Grammar and High Schools each the privilege of using five books at any one time, to be used in their respective school-rooms (teachers becoming responsible for more than the ordinary wear), and to be returned at the expiration of three weeks.

A "course in reading" for each year in the High School was accepted by the school committee and put into operation early in the fall term. This course outlines the reading for class work, together with that for outside reading. In his report, the principal of the High School speaks highly of this new departure. A corresponding course is in preparation for the Grammar School and will be ready for adoption the present term.

If the future welfare of the community rests upon the character and ability of the rising generation now being educated

in the public schools, I believe the trustees of the library will do all in their power to furnish such assistance as the library will afford.

MUSIC.

The failure to raise sufficient funds at the last town meeting made it necessary to dispense with the services of a Supervisor of Music at the close of the spring term, much to the regret of pupils and teachers.

Since that time, the work in this line has gone on in a muddled condition, each teacher doing what to *her* seemed best suited to her grade of pupils. The misfortune seemed greater at this time in the year, for at the beginning of the fall term all new classes are formed and the work begins anew. Again, the failure to appropriate necessary funds made it necessary to cut the salaries of many of our best teachers, which resulted in the employment of new ones to fill their places, who were unacquainted with our system in music, consequently, without a special director, the work has progressed very slowly, if at all. In small towns, we feel the need of a Supervisor of Music much more than in larger towns and cities where the same teachers remain for years in succession. Thus, when a system is once well established, the regular teachers are better qualified to prosecute the work so well begun.

The importance of vocal music in the public schools, because of its educational value, can no longer be questioned, and systematic work in this line is almost universal. One lesson in two weeks of about thirty minutes by a special teacher, with the daily drill by the regular teacher of about one hour per week divided into regular periods, will produce, by far, better results than the former custom of having a special teacher for one lesson every week. It can be done, too, at one half the expense. I therefore recommend the necessary appropriations for a music teacher in the public schools of this town.

DRAWING.

I have watched with increasing dissatisfaction the work in drawing during the past year. Apart from those studies which are of absolute necessity,—writing, the essentials of arithmetic, and a good use of English,—no study in our course is more deserving of special attention than drawing. The lessons in this subject have been mostly mechanical and void of interest; the child's insight is unquickened; and when results are measured by the pupil's ability to draw, or his power to observe or appreciate artistic forms, they are practically valueless. I do not reflect upon the teachers, for they realize as well as the superintendent that the results in drawing fall far short of what they should.

In order for the children to express by the hand artistically what the eye observes, to trace or draw the outline of plants in their nature study, to appreciate something more than the cruder forms of art or nature, it is necessary that there be a harmonious system of instruction through all the grades. I therefore commend to your consideration the election of a special teacher in drawing. The work in nearly every other study in our school curriculum is incomplete without the aid of drawing. The statutes require that drawing shall be taught as a regular study in our schools, and candidates to be admitted to our Normal Schools are required to pass an examination in this subject.

Give us three hundred dollars, the amount formerly appropriated for music, and let us expend one half for music and the remainder for a drawing teacher. There is no place in our school system that we can make such a gain with no extra expense as on the adoption of this recommendation.

READING.

We have undertaken quite a change in our methods in reading since the beginning of the term in September, hoping thereby to bring about better results. As a rule, in most schools above the primary grades, the least time and attention is given to this subject by the teachers in preparing to teach it, and by the pupils in their study, than in any other subject in the course. Consequently, in grades above the first, reading degenerates into a mere mechanical drill, without thought or reflection. Our poorest reading, as far as the expression of the thought is concerned, is in the higher grades. For teachers and pupils to be aided and encouraged in this work, it is quite essential that we should place at their disposal, interesting reading matter of such a nature as will create a taste for good reading. There is not an adequate supply of suitable reading matter in any of the grades. The market is overflowing with excellent reading matter by authors who are enthusiastic in various lines. Why not give our pupils some of these privileges which the market affords? As the children become interested in the history and geography of the world about them, they should have reading matter to supplement this knowledge, as only by a correlation of certain studies can we produce the best results. The "old time" reading books, besides being so much worn that they are unsuitable for use, are "dry and parchy," and do not afford the proper means for profitable results in this line.

NATURE STUDY.

The work in nature study has been somewhat enlarged the past year. The results shown in school collections and papers on this subject in language and drawing are highly creditable. In the minds of many of our citizens, and perhaps some whose

official capacity brings them in closer touch with our school system, nature study is but a "fad" or "notion" advocated by "educational cranks" to be added to our school-work that is of very little value. To any who may hold to this opinion, let me say that nature study is no longer an isolated subject, is not put into our schools to take time from other studies, but its purpose is to *aid* in the various subjects taught in school. To use the language of Mr. A. C. Boyden on this subject: "The aim is (1) to interest the children in the natural objects about them, thus connecting practically the natural world and school life; (2) to train the pupils to accurate independent observation as a basis of their thinking and reading; (3) to furnish some of the best material for the regular language and drawing lessons. The physical side of geography should have its foundation definitely laid in nature study."

The exhibit by the children in Winslow Hall, last June, showed that they are all laying a good foundation. We trust that our exhibit next June will be a great improvement over that of last year.

WRITING.

In the elementary grades, more attention has been given to exercises for proper *movement* than to *form*, and I am pleased to say that a decided advancement has been made in many schools. Until recently, very little has been done in writing with ink below the fourth grade. The second and third grades are now using the pen with fairly good results. I am satisfied that this is a step in the right direction. The earlier that good movements with the pen are formed in school, so much easier it will be to correct improper habits so readily acquired by using the slate and pencil in the first grade.

In penmanship, it is of the utmost importance that there should be a uniformity in the methods employed throughout

the course, and a common understanding of the relation of the work each grade bears to another and the final results. I can but renew my last year's recommendation that new desks be placed in the grammar school. Those now in use are inadequate for writing purposes, besides being contrary to hygienic principles.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Our High School is now doing commendable work and is worthy of the confidence and generous support of the public. The spirit of devotion to their work, manifested by the teachers, and the quiet industry of the school are features worthy of notice.

Prince's new Arithmetic by Grades, introduced early in the fall term, is not only a new departure in this line, but an unquestionable gain. These arithmetics furnish the needed supply of drill work for the pupils and contain very *little* superfluous work. The separation of the teacher's book from the pupil's not only gives a great opportunity for independent thinking, but is a financial saving to the town. Our teachers speak in the highest terms of these books.

A system of "Logical Analysis," introduced in the schools in September, is also fruitful to good results. This system begins with the primary grades and extends through the grammar grades. Our schools have long felt the need of a mental arithmetic to train the analytic mind, and this course in analysis, in part, supplies this want. It leaves to the teachers, the selection of suitable problems for drill, and serves as a logical guide to a common purpose. The papers gathered from a recent test to the grammar and intermediate schools in this line show that the children are gaining a mental power that will be of inestimable value to them in their future work.

Other books introduced during the year are Potter's Geographies, Collar and Daniell's First Latin Book, Allen and

Greenough's Latin Grammar and Caesar, Young's "Lessons in Astronomy." It may not be out of place here to mention the need of a supply of good black-boards. It costs quite a sum of money every year to have our black-boards newly slated with the liquid slating. A gallon of this slating costs about four and a half dollars besides the labor in putting it on. One gallon of this liquid slating will cover about one hundred and seventy-five square feet. Now the plastering on which this liquid is put was only ordinarily "skim coated" and not "troweled down," which leaves a rough, crumbly surface. Work with the chalk and eraser on this surface will very soon cause the slating to cleave, hence the need of having the walls newly slated every year. I think the town's money can be better invested in the real black-board slate, which, when once put up, will last for generations without any outlay.

If one room could be thus slated each year, we would soon dispense with the yearly outlay for black-board slating. The real slate costs twenty cents per foot of three feet wide with no expense of putting up. If we continue to use the liquid slating, in five years we will have expended a sufficient amount to purchase the real slate, and then have nothing but a rough, crumbly surface to show for our money invested.

Of all agencies that contribute to our future welfare and prosperity, the schools are the most important. Let, then, whatever concerns them be fostered and guarded with the utmost care. Furnish them with good teachers, suitable school-rooms, necessary apparatus, the hearty co-operation of every parent, and, if need be, *intelligent* criticisms, and we shall receive our just reward.

Respectfully,

R. D. McKEEN.

JAN. 14, 1895.

LIST OF TEACHERS EMPLOYED DURING THE YEAR.

NAME.	WHEN ELECTED.	SCHOOL AND GRADES.
Louis A. Crocker . .	Sept., 1893.	Prin. High.
Ralph A. Sturges . .	Sept., 1894.	Prin. High.
Grace Savage . . .	Sept., 1891.	Asst. High.
M. Edna Wakefield . .	Sept., 1894.	Asst. High.
Flora A. Burges . .	Sept., 1892.	Prin. Grammar, VII., VIII.
E. Florence Jordan . .	Spring, 1894.	Prin. Grammar.
Mary E. Lyon . . .	Winter, 1893-4.	Asst. Grammar.
M. Edna Wakefield . .	Spring, 1894.	Asst. Grammar.
Alice G. Bourbeau . .	Fall, 1894.	Asst. Grammar.
Sarah O. Morse . . .	Fall, 1893.	Centre Intermediate, IV., V., VI.
Ma Belle Fletcher . .	Spring, 1894.	Centre Intermediate.
Addie B. Sanborn . .	Sept., 1892.	North Primary, I., II., III.
Myra B. Deasy . . .	Sept., 1894.	North Primary.
Abbie U. Weston . .	Sept., 1892.	West Primary, I., II., III.
Lizzie Hayes . . .	Sept., 1894.	West Primary.
Cora B. Crabtree . .	Nov., 1894.	West Primary.
Helen A. Luddy . . .	Sept., 1893.	West Intermediate, IV., V., VI.
Hattie Hilton . . .	Sept., 1893.	Elmwood Intermediate, IV., V., VI.
Grace Cook	Sept., 1892.	Elmwood Primary, I., II., III.
Annie A. Longfellow, . .	Sept., 1892.	Beaver Primary, I., II., III.
Grace Bramhall . . .	May, 1894.	Beaver Primary.
Julia Mansfield . . .	March, 1892.	Beaver Intermediate, IV., V., VI.
Ellen M. Murphy . . .	May, 1894.	Northville, I.-VI.
Grace M. Libby . . .	Sept., 1894.	Northville.
Alice G. Bourbeau . .	Sept., 1893.	Satucket, I.-VI.
Sadie Childs	Sept., 1894.	Satucket.
Sadie Frost	Sept., 1893.	Eastville, I.-VI.
Ethel Parker	Sept., 1894.	Eastville.

MR. R. D. ¹McKEEN, *Superintendent of Schools, East Bridgewater, Mass.*

Dear Sir: — I herewith submit the annual report of the High School for the year ending December 31, 1894.

Inasmuch as I have been connected with the school but one term, my report will necessarily be limited to a review of the work of that term with a brief outline of what we hope to accomplish before the close of school in June.

Owing to the change in the courses of study, the work has been somewhat at a disadvantage, as it has embraced a part of both courses. The class which graduates in June will be the last under the old course, the other classes now pursuing the new courses.

In October, through the kindness of four gentlemen of the town who endorsed a note for that purpose, an excellent piano was purchased and placed in the school. The new instrument adds much to the effectiveness of the work in music, and is also an ornament to the room. In order to raise funds to cancel this obligation, the Alumni Association has very generously come to the aid of the school, and with it will hold a fair on March 8 and 9.

A series of short, practical talks by prominent professional and business men of the town has been arranged to be given at intervals throughout the year. Two in the course were delivered during the past term and were listened to by the pupils with interest and profit, we believe.

The knowledge which a pupil gets from a study of the books prescribed in the curriculum is but a small part of his general education. It is but the beginning, the foundation, giving him the discipline and mental power to grasp and assimilate that which will prove valuable to him in after life.

James Russell Lowell, in a public address a few years ago, very aptly said : —

“The better part of every man’s education is that which he gives himself, and it is for this that a good library should furnish the opportunity and the means.” It was with this thought in mind that the following Course of Reading has been introduced : —

FIRST YEAR.

CLASS WORK.

Evangeline, Song of Hiawatha, Courtship of Miles Standish.
— *Longfellow*.

Selections from Sketch Book, Bracebridge Hall.— *Irving*.
Snow Bound, Tent on the Beach.— *Whittier*.

OUTSIDE READING.

Two Years before the Mast.— *Dana*.

Being a Boy.— *Warner*.

The Man Without a Country.— *Hale*.

Little Men.— *Alcott*.

Little Women. — *Alcott*.

A Voyage to Lilliput. — *Swift*.

Story of Ulysses. — *Lamb*.

Boys of '76. — *Coffin*.

Boys of '61. — *Coffin*.

Biographies. — Montcalm and Wolfe, Washington, Franklin.

SECOND YEAR.

CLASS WORK.

Thanatopsis, Forest Hymn, To a Waterfowl, Death of
Flowers, Other Poems. — *Bryant*.

My Hunt after the Captain, and Favorite Poems.—*Holmes*.

Vision of Sir Launfal, Biglow Papers. — *Lowell*.

Wonder Book, Tanglewood Tales. — *Hawthorne*.

OUTSIDE READING.

The Spy.—*Cooper*.
 The Pilot. — *Cooper*.
 Boys of Other Countries. — *Taylor*.
 John Halifax, Gentleman. — *Mulock*.
 Prince and Pauper. — *Mark Twain*.
 Famous Women Series.
 History of Massachusetts.

Biographies. — Webster, Lincoln, Grant, Sherman.

THIRD YEAR.

CLASS WORK.

Locksley Hall, The Princess, In Memoriam, Other Shorter
 Poems. — *Tennyson*.
 Prelude and the Excursion. — *Wordsworth*.
 Marmion, Lady of the Lake, Battle of Waterloo. — *Scott*
 Truth, Honesty, etc. — *Bacon*.

OUTSIDE READING.

Life of Frederick the Great. — *Macaulay*.
 Ivanhoe. — *Scott*.
 Ben Hur. — *Wallace*.
 Last Days of Pompeii. — *Lytton*.
 Vanity Fair. — *Thackeray*.
 David Copperfield. — *Dickens*.
 Tale of Two Cities. — *Dickens*.
 Old Curiosity Shop. — *Dickens*.
 House of Seven Gables. — *Hawthorne*.
 Uncle Tom's Cabin. — *Stowe*.
 Old Town Folks. — *Stowe*.

Biographies. — Bonaparte, Addison, Burns, Gray.

FOURTH YEAR.

CLASS WORK.

Merchant of Venice, Tempest, Hamlet, Julius Cæsar, As
 You Like It. — *Shakespeare*.
 Paradise Lost, L'Allegro, Il Penseroso. — *Milton*.
 Nature, etc., Poems. — *Emerson*.
 Sesame and Lilies. — *Ruskin*.
 Sir Roger de Coverley. — *Addison*.

OUTSIDE READING.

First Bunker Hill Oration. — *Webster*.
 Earl of Chatham. — *Macaulay*.
 Lecture on Heroes. — *Carlyle*.
 Henry Esmond. — *Thackeray*.
 Monastery. — *Scott*.
 Abbot. — *Scott*.
 Talisman. — *Scott*.
 Over the Tea Cups. — *Holmes*.
 Autocrat of the Breakfast Table. — *Holmes*.
 Jane Eyre. — *Brontë*.
 The Professor. — *Brontë*.
 Pride and Prejudice. — *Austen*.
 Sense and Sensibility. — *Austen*.
 Lady of the Aroostook. — *Howells*.
Biographies. — *Scott*, *Goldsmith*, *Pope*.

The object is to acquaint the pupils with some of the best known works of our leading American and English authors, and thus stimulate a taste for good reading which may continue after the High School course is finished.

The class work, which consists of a critical study of the works named, is very limited as yet, owing to our inability to secure the necessary books.

In the outside reading, in which an excellent beginning has been made, we are almost wholly dependent upon the Public Library, so that our course is somewhat restricted at present ; but, with the co-operation of the Library Association, it may be made much more effective, and books, not of a heavy character, but interesting, healthy, and elevating in tone may be placed in the hands of the boys and girls. Each scholar is required to read two books each term, from those prescribed for his year. He is also to keep a notebook as he reads, and to present a written review of the work read.

As a part of the work for Friday afternoons, rhetorical exercises have been introduced, in which all, in turn, participate. A short musical program is also presented in connection with these exercises. It is the intention to have original parts gradually supersede the declamation and recitation of the works of others.

A change has been made in the Latin text-books which, I believe, will prove a decided gain.

In the sciences, the laboratory method is followed so far as possible with the apparatus available. Better laboratory facilities should be provided at once for the work in Physics and Chemistry. Indeed, with the increased size of the classes the present accommodations will be entirely inadequate another year. The work in these branches is very practical and cannot afford to be slighted.

The school is also in need of a good reference library. It has but few books for this purpose and many of those are not up to date. I would recommend that the committee ask for an appropriation to purchase a modern set of Encyclopædia and a few other books which are especially needed. These, with such books as we now have that are suitable, would serve as a nucleus to which future additions might be made.

I would also suggest for the consideration of the committee, whether it would not be advisable to have one instead of two

sessions daily, as now. When so many of the pupils are obliged to bring their lunches and spend the noon recess at the building, such a change would be desirable, it seems to me, if it can be brought about without interfering with the other schools too much.

I am glad to report a large number of visitors and would urge the parents and citizens of the town to visit the school and thus keep in touch with its work.

A brief statistical report for the year follows : —

Whole number enrolled, 1894-95,	64
Present number enrolled,	59
“ “ in senior class,	5
“ “ “ sub-senior class,	12
“ “ “ ex-junior “	20
“ “ “ junior “	22
Number admitted in September,	22
Average age of entering class,	14.08 years
Number graduated in June, 1894,	5

CLASS GRADUATED IN JUNE, 1894.

Beals, C. Elmer.	Littlefield, Nathan W.
Bird, Anna B.	Luddy, John.
	Ward, Florence E.

ROLL OF HONOR.

WINTER TERM.

Allen, Elbert G.*	Hatch, Mary A.*
Allen, G. Winthrop.*	Leach, Ellsworth R.*
Bates, Annie A.*	Luddy, John.*
Beals, C. Elmer.*	Murphy, Lizzie A.
Carroll, Annie M.	Skillings, George W.*
Carroll, Joseph A.	Taylor, Esther B.*
Curran, Edward L.*	Thorndike, Herbert C.*
Edson, M. Clifton.*	Trow, Fred W.*
Feeney, Patrick M.*	Vosmus, Hattie A.*
	Whitman, Allen F.

SPRING TERM.

Allen, Elbert G.*	Edson, M. Clifton.*
Allen, G. Winthrop.*	Feeney, Patrick M.*
Barrett, Edward W.*	Hatch, Mary A.*
Curran, Edward L.*	Leach, Ellsworth R.*
Taylor, Esther B.*	

FALL TERM.

Adam, Elizabeth I.*	Green, Dora F.*
Adam, George.*	Green, Lizzie F.*
Allen, Elbert G.	Grow, Charles H.*
Allen, G. Winthrop.*	Harden, Annie F.*
Bates, Annie A.*	Hatch, Mary A.*
Burke, James H.	Leach, Ellsworth R.*
Campbell, Mary E.	Mitchell, Mary.*
Campbell, Patrick F.*	Skillings, George W.
Carroll, Annie M.	Shattuck, Inez M.*
Ellman, Nellie M.	Trow, Fred W.
Frizelle, Mabel E.*	Vosmus, Hattie A.
Whitman, Allen F.*	

[This Roll includes the names of all scholars not absent a single half day during the term indicated. The asterisk (*) denotes that they were also not tardy during that time.]

In conclusion, I wish to thank you for your counsel and assistance, and my assistant for her hearty co-operation in all plans for increasing the efficiency of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH A. STURGES,
Principal High School.

JAN. 7, 1895.

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER

FOR THE YEAR 1895.



YARMOUTHPORT, MASS.:
FRED HALLETT & CO., PRINTERS,
1896.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1895.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor—HENRY GURNEY,
JOSEPH H. STRONG, SAMUEL C. WHITE.

Town Clerk and Collector of Taxes—FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer—JARVIS BURRELL.

Auditor—N. FRANK DUNPHE.

School Committee—EDWARD T. MORSE, RICHARD W. NUTTER for three
years; ALICE R. ALLEN, ROBERT O. HARRIS for two years; SUSAN
B. DUNPHE, FANNIE M. SHAW for one year.

Superintendent of Schools—GEORGE C. HOWARD.

Road Commissioners—WALTER G. SMELLIE for three years, HERBERT
C. KEITH for two years, GEORGE L. CHAMBERLAIN for one year.

Board of Health—EZRA S. WHITMARSH for three years, ALLAN L.
SHIRLEY, M. D., for two years, WILLIAM T. GREENE for one year.

Trustees of the Public Library—EDMUND W. NUTTER, MARY H. RUST
for three years; ISAAC N. NUTTER, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR for two
years; ALFRED B. PARKER, ALICE E. STRONG for one year.

Constables—EDWARD E. EDSON, FRANK M. FISHER, WILLIAM T.
GREENE, ADAM R. HUMBLE, ROBERT J. MITCHELL, DAVID B.
ROBBINS, T. S. H. ROUNSEVILLE, BENJAMIN SIDDALL.

Town Hall Committee—CHARLES A. MILLS, GEORGE F. LOMBARD,
CORNELIUS L. VOSMOS.

Registrars of Voters—AMOS HUNTING for three years, ARTHUR G.
WATERMAN for two years, FRED. E. FULLER for one year, FRANK
SMITH, Ex-Officio Clerk.

Weighers—GEO. SITES, WILLIAM EDSON, ZENAS A. JENKINS, THOMAS
H. PERKINS, HERMAN L. MORSE.

Fire Engineers—MINOT S. CURTIS, Chief, WARREN K. CHURCHILL,
Clerk, LEVI A. BAKER, JOSHUA DEAN, IRVING HORTON.

Surveyors of Lumber—ARTHUR C. CHURCHILL, ZENAS A. JENKINS,
WALTER G. SMELLIE.

Measurers of Wood—WARREN K. CHURCHILL, WILLIAM B. HALL,
WILLIAM H. TAYLOR.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—ROBERT YOUNG.

Fence Viewer—EZRA F. SAMPSON.

Field Driver—WINSLOW B. CROCKER.

Inspector of Meat and Cattle—WILLIAM T. GREENE.

Pound Keeper—HENRY W. SEARS.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1895.

Schooling proper,	\$6,100 00	
School books and supplies,	500 00	
Incidentals,	325 00	
Superintendent's salary,	350 00	
Music teacher,	175 00	
Drawing teacher,	175 00	
Transportation of scholars,	525 00	
Minor repairs,	150 00	
Painting High school house,	175 00	
Increasing salary of teachers,	500 00	\$8,975 00
Highways,	3,000 00	
Bridges and culverts,	500 00	
Sidewalks,	400 00	
Removal of snow,	300 00	
Street lighting,	475 00	4,675 00
Support of poor,	3,000 00	
Town officers,	1,300 00	
Hydrant rental,	1,080 00	
Central St. trough,	25 00	
Incidental expenses,	500 00	
Fire Department,	525 00	
Public Library,	500 00	
Soldiers' relief,	350 00	
Police service,	150 00	
Memorial day,	100 00	
Board of Health,	200 00	
Old burying ground,	25 00	7,755 00
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		\$21,405 00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS, JAN. 1, 1896.

Due on note to New Bedford Institution for Savings, dated April 2, 1888, \$500, payable yearly,	\$1,500 00
Interest due,	16 88
Due on note given in anticipation of taxes of 1896,	2,000 00

ASSETS.

Due from State, State aid for 1895,	\$1,091 00
“ “ “ for military aid for 1895,	84 00
“ “ “ burial of soldier,	35 00
“ “ “ “ “ two State paupers,	30 00
Uncollected taxes, 1895,	361 45
Cash in treasury,	3,313 05

TOWN MEETING.

Articles to be acted upon at the annual town meeting, to be held March 2, 1896, at one o'clock P. M. :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the reports of the town officers and committees.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to pay all town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To adopt some method for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To vote upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 8. To see if the town will take action in relation to a "State highway" within its limits.

ART. 9. To see if the town will take any action under Chap. 220 of acts of 1895 in relation to width of tires on wheels. [By request.]

ART. 10. To see if the town will appropriate a sum sufficient to place a marker of the "Society of the Sons of the American Revolution" at the grave of each revolutionary soldier or sailor buried in this town, the expense not to exceed one dollar each. [By request.]

LIST OF JURORS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Allen, James S.	Keith, Samuel
Baxter, William C.	Keith, Simeon C.
Benson, Walter L.	Keith, Zebina
Blanchard, Augustus W.	Latham, A. Harris
Brown, George E.	Latham, James W.
Caldwell, Wellington	Lothrop, Waldo P.
Churchill, Luther	Paine, Howard
Churchill, Newton	Parker, Alfred B.
Clark, Charles F.	Pratt, Charles W.
Curtis, Lucius J.	Porter, F. Wilson
Curtis, Minot S.	Ramsdell, William G.
Dean, Joshua	Rollins, Fred. B., Jr.
Fuller, Fred. E.	Shaw, Lester B.
Gurney, David W.	Shaw, Samuel
Harris, William T.	Simmons, George A.
Howland, George B.	Whiting, John M.
Jenkins, Zenas A.	Wood, Charles G.
Keith, Frank O.	

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVER- SEERS OF THE POOR.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

We have drawn orders during the year 1895 for the following persons, viz. :

STATE AID, CHAP. 301, 1894.

Irving Bates,	\$39 00
Henry W. Bird,	32 00
Henry Burns,	72 00
Sarah M. Caswell,	32 00
Henry Cook,	12 00
George R. Dyer,	48 00
William A. Dyson,	36 00
Mary J. Fuller,	12 00
Samuel Gerrard,	48 00
Betsey A. Hale,	24 00
Eliza J. Hamilton,	48 00
Noah T. Harding,	32 00
Edward F. Hassett,	44 00
Lewis B. Hayward,	36 00
Rebecca Hinckley,	48 00
Joshua Hollis,	28 00
Augustus M. Howe,	60 00
Clarissa K. Howland,	32 00
Henry A. Osborne,	48 00

Nancy W. Pratt,	\$48 00	
Catharine Quigley,	24 00	
Nathan Reed,	72 00	
William S. Sampson,	60 00	
Zenas W. Sturtevant,	36 00	
Thankful O. Trow,	24 00	
Selden M. Washburn,	48 00	
Abigail K. Winsor,	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,091 00

Due from State.

MILITARY AID, CHAP. 279, 1894.

Augustus B. Vickery,	\$96 00	
Joseph M. Whitman,	72 00	
	<hr/>	\$168 00

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SOLDIERS' RELIEF, CHAP. 447, 1890.

Mrs. Charles Hatch, Natick,	\$ 85 13	
John McAvin, Lexington,	25 00	
Ella F. Wentworth,	144 00	
Eliza C. Worthington,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$258 13

BURIAL OF SOLDIERS, CHAP. 395, 1889.

L. Holbrook & Son, burial of Asa W.

Whitman, \$35 00

Due from State.

MEMORIAL DAY.

E. E. Edson, quartermaster, Post 124, G. A. R.,	\$100 00
Appropriation,	100 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

I. N. Nutter, treas. of trustees,	\$500 00
Appropriation,	500 00

HYDRANT RENTAL.

Bridgewater's Water Co., 36 hydrants,	\$1,080 00
Appropriation,	\$1,080 00

CENTRAL STREET TROUGH.

Bridgewater's Water Co.,	\$19 54	
Unexpended,	5 46	
Appropriation,		\$25 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Engineers of fire department,	\$415 00	
Unexpended,	110 00	
Appropriation,		\$525 00

CARE OF OLD CEMETERY.

John Hobart,	\$17 13	
Unexpended,	7 87	
Appropriation,		\$25 00

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

H. C. Keith, chairman road commissioners,	\$4,070 68	
Appropriations :		
Highways,	\$3,000 00	
Bridges,	500 00	
Sidewalks,	400 00	
	<hr/>	3,900 00
Overdrawn,		<hr/> \$170 68

REMOVAL OF SNOW.

H. C. Keith, chairman road commis-		
sioners,	\$178 54	
Unexpended,	121 46	
Appropriation,		\$300 00

STREET LIGHTING.

H. C. Keith, chairman road commis-		
sioners,	\$441 92	
Unexpended,	33 08	
Appropriation,		\$475 00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

C. M. Shaw, services,	\$ 5 00	
T. J. Kinney, “	5 00	
C. H. Waterman, tile,	11 60	
E. Campbell, labor,	1 75	
E. L. Clark, “	5 50	
J. Burrell, printing,	2 10	
	<hr/>	\$ 30 95
Unexpended,		169 05
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Appropriation,		\$200 00

POLICE SERVICE.

Robert J. Mitchell,	\$113 80	
F. M. Fisher,	13 50	
D. B. Robbins,	2 50	
E. A. Porter,	3 00	
Wm. T. Greene,	3 00	
E. E. Edson,	4 60	
Benj. Siddall,	5 50	
T. S. H. Rounseville,	8 50	
	<hr/>	\$154 40
Appropriation,		150 00
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Overdrawn,		\$4 40

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

A. Mudge & Son, printing town reports,	\$125 88
Z. A. Jenkins, distributing reports and cash paid,	4 70
W. S. Danforth, searching title,	50
E. S. Whitmarsh, insurance on Town hall,	21 75
A. W. Brownell, blanks,	1 45
D. W. Gurney, distributing reports,	5 00
E. B. Savings Bank, rent of office,	150 00
F. C. Nutter, blank books,	55
H. C. Keith, repairs on pump, etc.,	10 00
C. H. Waterman, repairs on water pipe,	2 25
J. Burrell, printing and postals,	48 37
J. Burrell, postage and expense,	2 42
Town of Whitman, taxes,	17 50
“ “ Hanson, “	24
G. L. Chamberlain, paving at fountains,	8 37
Catharine Quigley, land for drain,	40 00
Benj. Siddall, care of office,	12 00
F. M. Shaw, copying tax list, etc.,	12 00
H. Gurney, railroad fare, use of horse,	13 69
H. Gurney, postage and expenses,	4 50
G. F. Lombard, labor on voting booths,	3 00
G. M. Webber, repairs on pipe,	1 00
S. C. White, railroad fare, use of horse,	4 70
J. H. Strong, expense paid,	1 05
E. T. Morse, railroad fare, etc.,	5 21
Howard, Clark & Co., return of deaths,	4 25
D. F. Toppan, “ “ “	1 50
F. S. Howard, “ “ “	1 00
C. L. McCann, “ “ “	1 00
Wm. Prophett, “ “ “	3 00
Geo. Hunt, M. D., return of births,	1 75

W. H. Adams, M. D., return of births,	\$3 25
A. L. Shirley, " " " " "	6 00
Alger's Express,	1 40
L. Holbrook & Son, return of deaths,	4 75
G. H. Watson, return of births,	2 00
Frank Smith, expenses paid,	6 75
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	\$532 78
Appropriation,	500 00
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Overdrawn,	\$32 78

TOWN OFFICERS.

N. F. Dunphe, auditor,	\$15 00
Z. A. Jenkins, services as selectman, etc.,	5 75
W. T. Greene, " " inspector cattle,	\$167 75
" " " " Board of Health,	30 00
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	197 75
Robert Young, " " " " "	26 40
E. S. Whitmarsh, " " " " "	\$20 25
" " " " justice of the peace,	3 00
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	23 25
Henry Gurney, " " selectman, etc.,	245 00
Jos. H. Strong, " " " " "	\$55 50
" " " " moderator,	3 00
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	58 50
Sam'l C. White, " " selectman, etc.,	76 00
Benj. Siddall, " " constable,	15 00
Edward N. West, services as teller, Mar. 4th,	1 00
H. L. Waterman, " " " " "	1 00
G. C. Allen, " " " Nov. 6th,	2 50
Edw. F. Morse, " " " " "	2 50
C. E. Bennett, " " " " "	2 50
I. N. Keith, " " " " "	2 50

E. E. Edson,	services as ballot clerk, Nov. 6th,	\$2 50
R. W. Nutter,	“ “ “ “ “ “	2 50
M. H. Lyons,	“ “ “ “ “ “	2 50
Amos Hunting,	“ “ “ “	
	Nov. 6th,	\$ 2 50
Amos Hunting,	services as registrar,	15 00
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		17 50
Fred. E. Fuller,	“ “ “	15 00
A. G. Waterman,	“ “ “	15 00
Jarvis Burrell,	“ “ treasurer,	150 00
E. T. Morse,	“ “ treas. of school com.,	20 00
T. S. H. Rounseville,	services as truant officer,	4 50
A. L. Shirley, M. D.,	services as board of health,	67 00
Frank Smith,	services as town clerk,	\$100 75
“ “ “ “	collector of taxes,	243 30
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		344 05
A. L. Shirley, M. D.,	services as town physician,	25 00
Walter H. Adams, M. D.,	“ “ “ “	75 00
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		\$1,415 20
Appropriation,		\$1,300 00
Overdrawn,		115 20
One-half of the salary of the inspector of cattle		
after June 5th (\$108.75—\$54.37) is due		
from the State,		54 37
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Net amount expended for town officers,		\$1,361 83

LATHAM FUND.

Amount of fund,		\$500 00
Available interest Jan. 1, 1895,	\$15 73	
Interest for 1895,	21 84	
	<hr/>	37 57
Disbursed during the year,		30 78

ALDEN FUND.

Amount of fund,		\$2,624 90
Available interest Jan. 1, 1895,	\$166 78	
Interest for 1895,	95 99	
	<hr/>	262 77
Disbursed during the year,		130 89

CROSSMAN AND WHITMAN FUND.

Amount of fund,	\$2,000 00
Amount of interest July 1, 1895,	91 00

This amount was given to the road commissioners to purchase crushed stone, which they put upon the road at the town's expense.

JOHNSON FUND.

Amount of fund,	\$1,500 00
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The interest from this fund was drawn by the town treasurer, and paid to trustees of the Public Library.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT FUND.

Amount in bank Jan. 1, 1895,	\$158 15
Interest accrued,	6 78
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Amount in bank Jan. 1, 1896,	\$164 93

By direction of the commissioners of savings banks, \$1000 from the Alden Fund, and also from the Crossman and Whitman Fund, were drawn from the East Bridgewater Savings Bank, and we have deposited the same in the Abington Savings Bank.

DRAINAGE OF OREGON STREET.

Since the completion of Cook street and the filling of the culvert under the railroad, the drainage of this street has been a source of much complaint. In November last we were called there to meet the road commissioners in regard to some remedy for the existing trouble. We were unanimous in the opinion that something should be done at once. The selectmen purchased of Mrs. Quigley a small lot of land, where a drain could be laid with the outlet upon said lot. The road commissioners at once commenced and soon completed a drain across the street with the outlet upon land now belonging to the town, thus ending the complaints. We think this better than a legal contest.

COST OF DRAIN.

Land,	\$40 00	
Paid for deed and recording,	2 00	
Road commissioners expended for pipe,	52 80	
“ “ labor,	37 97	
	<hr/>	\$132 77
We have received from Mrs. Duane,	\$15 00	
and from Mr. Crowley,	5 00	
	<hr/>	20 00
Total cost to the town,		<hr/> \$112 77

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Value of real estate taxed,	\$1,171,891 00
“ “ personal estate taxed,	279,042 00
No. of polls,	893
Town grants,	\$21,405 00
County tax,	2,193 84
State tax,	990 00
New hose, 1894,	1,000 00
Town debt,	500 00
Grade crossings,	421 24
	<hr/> 26,510 08
Less estimated from State,	2,500 00
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Overlay,	269 14
	<hr/> \$24,279 22
Rate of taxation, \$15.50 per thousand.	
State tax on polls, }	\$2 each.
County tax on polls, }	
Tax on real estate,	\$18,164 63
“ “ personal estate,	4,325 15
“ “ 893 polls,	1,786 00
Gain by fractions,	3 64
	<hr/> \$24,279 22
Subsequently assessed,	92 22
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Total commitment,	\$24,371 44
Houses taxed,	625
Acres of land,	9,868

Value of buildings,	\$818,725 00
“ “ land,	369,189 00
Horses taxed,	454
Mule “	1
Cows “	435
Other neat cattle,	67
Swine,	55
No. of exemptions,	44
Amount exempted,	\$24,988 00
On buildings,	18,475 00
On land,	6,513 00
Residents taxed,	746
Non-residents taxed,	841
Poll tax only,	323

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Chas. A. Mills, overtaxed,	\$ 47
Lester B. Shaw, “	23
Elmer E. Wright, “	47
William Allen, est. of, unable to pay,	5 00
John C. Carr, “ “ “ “ “	5 43
Lester A. Harden, not taxable,	2 00
E. R. Magoun, soldier, chap. 202, 1895,	.12 50
B. T. Baker, “ “ “ “	9 75
H. A. Osborne, “ “ “ “	5 10
Waldo Hayward, unable to pay,	4 79
Frank Smith, collector, tax of 1894,	13 48
“ “ “ “ “ 1895,	108 00

DEPARTMENT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE.

Paid H. W. Sears, services as warden,	\$425 00
A. G. Waterman, groceries,	370 73
E. B. Morse, grain,	106 76
Joshua Dean, “	57 78
“ “ coal,	71 55
E. N. Ward, meat,	143 81
W. H. Adams, taking Winn to hospital,	3 22
Edwin Edes, digging grave,	3 00
F. C. Nutter, supplies,	14 40
C. H. Waterman, supplies,	7 28
J. Sturtevant, Jr., getting hay,	94 00
H. Hathaway, ice,	35 00
Geo. M. Webber, supplies,	20 57
E. S. Whitmarsh, clothing,	2 85
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	\$1,355 95

CR.

Received from warden,	\$80 00	
Due from State,	31 25	
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		\$1,244 70

Total number of inmates during year,	12
Average number during year,	8½
Number Jan. 1st, 1896,	6
Cost per week, nearly,	\$3 05

PRESENT INMATES.

	Age.	Admitted.
Sybil P. Dunbar,	63	1879
Rebecca Cummings,	81	July 1, 1884
Philetta Washburn,	63	May 7, 1890
George W. Osborne,	37	Aug. 6, 1892
Jotham C. Pratt,	75	Jan. 5, 1894
Michael Winn,	—	June 1, 1894

Nicholas Wade, discharged Jan. 14, returned May 21,
departed again October 28.

John Kenney died Sept. 21.

Zilpha Chadwick discharged Oct. 29, died in Brockton a
few days later.

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Cash on hand, January 1, 1895,	\$ 32 30	
Received for cream,	123 51	
stock,	65 00	
calves,	26 70	
hay,	104 17	
meat,	15 84	
lard,	2 60	
eggs,	3 00	
service of bull,	13 50	
	<hr/>	\$386 62

CR.

Paid for labor,	\$51 00
stock,	39 00
repairs,	43 25
supplies,	36 10
clothing,	8 58
fertilizer,	19 70
butter,	24 56

Paid for cheese,	\$ 1 90	
bread,	18 97	
fish,	24 92	
provisions,	15 97	
fruit,	6 73	
tools,	1 50	
butchering,	12 25	
treasury,	80 00	
	<hr/>	\$384 43
Balance on hand,		2 19

OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital :		
Support of Clara Washburn,		\$169 46
“ “ Robert Washburn,		169 46
Worcester Insane Asylum :		
Support of Ellen A. Edson,		169 45
“ “ Catharine Rogers,		169 48
Treas. of Commonwealth,	\$162 04	
Westboro Insane Asylum,	88 03	
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Support of Hannah Flarity,		250 07

OUTSIDE AID.

Paid N. S. Perkins, aid to Nathaniel Perkins,	\$ 78 00
Sarah J. Mowry, aid to Laura Washburn,	78 00
J. H. Sears, aid to Susie E. Tuck,	130 00
Mrs. Susan E. Dunbar, aid to self and children,	156 00
Mrs. Elmer O. Reed, aid to self and children,	40 88
Mrs. Minnie W. Porter, aid to self and children,	64 25

Paid City of Brockton, aid to Mrs. Bunker and children,	\$178 30
City of Brockton, aid to Mary J. Gurney,	42 17
City of Boston, aid to Thomas J. Crowley,	7 00
A. L. Shirley, M. D., aid to Chas. E. Scott,	11 55
A. L. Shirley, M. D., aid to C. E. Fisher,	\$18 60
A. G. Waterman, aid to C. E. Fisher,	4 00
Joshua Dean, aid to C. E. Fisher,	3 13
W. H. Adams, M. D., medical aid to C. E. Fisher,	4 50
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Charles Bernard, aid to Charles Francoeur,	\$42 50
H. C. Sherman, milk, Charles Francoeur,	1 98
A. L. Shirley, M. D., aid to Charles Francoeur,	37 65
Wm. Prophett, burial expense,	15 00
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S. J. Hoyt, burial, J. E. Davenport,	3 00
" " " " Polson,	3 00
Edmund Bird, care Alfred Drysdale,	2 00
Lena M. Bouldry, care Nelson O. Carr,	\$15 00
A. L. Shirley, M. D., medical attendance, Nelson O. Carr,	22 41
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Howard, Clark & Co., burial expense of Nils Polson,	15 00

TRAMP HOUSE.

D. W. Gurney, wood,	\$22 15	
G. M. Webber, hammers,	12 00	
T. S. H. Rounseville, time and expenses paid,	9 72	
T. S. H. Rounseville, care and feeding 1127 tramps,	281 75	
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		\$2,227 56
Received from town of Raynham,	\$130 00	
W. Bridgewater,	167 63	
Bridgewater,	37 41	
Due from town of Whitman,	20 41	
State,	30 00	
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		\$1,842 11

SUMMARY.

State aid,	\$1,091 00
Military aid,	168 00
Soldiers' relief,	258 13
Burial of soldier,	35 00
Memorial Day,	100 00
Public Library,	500 00
Hydrant rental,	1,080 00
Central St. trough,	19 54
Fire department,	415 00
Care of old cemetery,	17 13
Highways, bridges and sidewalks,	4,070 68
Removal of snow,	178 54
Street lighting,	441 92
Board of Health,	30 95

Police service,	\$ 154 40
Incidental expenses,	532 78
Town officers,	1,415 20
Abatement of taxes,	167 22
Alms house,	1,355 95
Outside aid,	2,227 56

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY GURNEY,

JOSEPH H. STRONG,

SAMUEL C. WHITE,

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

We have paid for labor and material on highways, bridges and sidewalks :

Paid Samuel Keith,	\$ 24 90
Patrick Welch,	84 47
N. A. & W. W. Washburn,	3 50
Patrick Barrett,	208 37
Horace Worcester,	185 33
John Burgess,	49 34
James Roach,	227 31
Geo. L. Chamberlain,	338 02
William B. Chamberlain,	124 78
Herbert C. Keith,	226 85
Estate of E. P. Reed,	69 03
E. B. Morse,	15 83
Eugene F. Keith,	10 36
Freedom Keith,	160 10
Samuel Soule,	3 50
Isadas Fuller,	17 49
Herbert Edson,	14 01
C. L. Vosmus,	24 49
Bartley Curran,	18 00
Tim. Murphy,	111 40
Fred. Keith,	62 34
Samuel C. White,	43 37
Walter L. Benson,	47 78
Thomas O'Brien,	171 26
A. G. Forsman,	59 27
Walter G. Smellie,	282 57
G. D. Stedman,	8 00

Paid Patrick Luddy,	\$29 25
James Morey,	49 94
John Demond,	10 50
Dennis Curran,	33 83
William Green,	81 65
Geo. M. Webber,	120 87
W. K. Churchill,	1 60
D. W. Gurney,	88 98
Ames Plow Co.,	19 06
Patrick Foley,	7 00
N. Mondoux,	5 70
B. F. Eddy,	21 00
W. T. Green,	7 87
Noah T. Harding,	16 00
John Beale,	126 75
Mrs. A. Lincoln,	14 61
John S. Eastman,	24 00
Galen Willis,	101 43
Isaac T. Hatch,	63 60
Eliab Latham,	78 67
Joseph W. Perry,	7 00
Geo. Smith,	48 27
I. N. Nutter,	3 00
Henry E. Wares,	5 25
Fred. C. Nutter,	6 00
Samuel R. McKenzie,	14 25
John Brown,	9 00
David H. Pratt,	8 70
Matthew Wilder,	5 25
F. A. Quimby,	12 00
Sumner Keith,	5 10
Frank A. Chamberlain,	76 31
E. R. Leach,	1 36

Paid John Perry,	\$36. 84
Geo. R. Dyer,	7 38
Charles Blanchard,	35 46
E. Frank Pratt,	17 11
C. H. Waterman,	10 55
Henry Sherman,	20 64
A. W. Blanchard,	4 75
Israel Thrasher,	21 39
Adna K. Howland,	1 57
B. Beals,	2 50
E. W. Lindsey,	16 63
Mrs. Lydia A. Hale,	17 15
Ed. Howard,	38 16
William H. Chase,	1 75
A. Ormiston,	14 31
John Shepard,	7 87
James Shaw,	2 25
Jarvis Burrell,	2 00
Ephraim Sampson,	25
Alger & Co. Express,	90
Willie J. Atkinson,	2 00
E. T. Ellis,	3 40
Frank Hayward,	25
J. L. Monroe,	42
J. G. Gilbert,	70
S. L. Washburn,	20 50
Geo. W. Folsom,	72
R. O. Harris,	2 00
A. H. Latham,	4 30
J. W. Sturtevant,	3 90
Mrs. Amelia T. White,	18 78
Chas. C. Thayer,	1 50
A. G. Waterman,	15 90

Paid Joshua Dean,	\$31 98
G. C. Allen,	3 35
Mrs. T. O. Trow,	80
Octave Robin,	5 25
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	\$4,070 68

From the above amount we have paid on account of bridges and sidewalks :

Planking bridge at S. D. Shaw's :	
Paid E. P. Reed estate, for plank,	\$45 50
for spikes,	1 50
“ labor,	7 62
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	\$54 62

Planking Red bridge :	
Paid E. P. Reed estate, for plank,	\$23 53
for labor and spikes,	5 75
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	29 28

Repairing culvert near J. Roach's,	\$ 7 00
“ “ “ Dan. Geary's,	3 00
“ “ on Union street,	6 00
“ “ “ Bedford “	12 50
“ “ “ Central “	18 00
“ “ “ Belmont “	5 00
“ “ “ Pearl “	4 00
“ “ “ Spring “	2 00
“ “ “ Elm “	7 75
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	65 25

New culvert on Summer street :	
Paid G. M. Webber, for tile,	\$6 00
F. A. Quimby, for grate,	4 00
labor,	5 00
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	15 00

Repairing railing at Elmwood :

Paid for lumber and nails,	\$14 33	
“ labor,	9 00	
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Repairing stone bridge at S. D. Shaw's :

Paid for labor and team work,	\$143 24	
A. G. Waterman, for cement,	15 90	
S. L. Washburn, for derrick,	20 50	
J. Dean, lumber for railing,	28 90	
“ “ for spikes,	2 00	
John Burgess, for posts,	12 50	
for labor on railing,	20 85	
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Paid for repairing Siddall's bridge,		6 25
“ “ culvert near Granville Allen's,		14 12

New drain on Oregon street :

Paid G. M. Webber, for drain pipe,	\$52 80	
for labor,	37 97	
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		\$542 51

Sidewalks, expended on Central street,	\$119 27
“ “ “ West “	45 00
“ “ “ Plymouth “	43 60
“ “ “ Union “	57 00
“ “ “ Pearl “	18 50
“ “ “ Central Square,	14 00
“ “ “ Elm street,	27 00
“ “ “ Whitman street,	18 30
“ “ “ Bedford “	32 50
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	\$375 17

Clearing streets and sidewalks of snow :

Paid Samuel Keith,	\$ 1 87
J. S. Eastman,	13 60
H. C. Keith,	9 40
Austin Washburn,	13 75
Walter L. Benson,	12 60
Patrick Barrett,	18 40
E. L. Clark,	16 80
Dennis Curran,	10 10
Isaac T. Hatch,	11 20
James Roach,	24 20
Isadas Fuller,	40
Geo. L. Chamberlain,	40
Bartley Curran,	14 40
John Burgess,	11 80
S. R. McKenzie,	5 20
D. W. Gurney,	3 40
F. A. Quimby,	50
G. D. Steadman,	2 50
Clifford Ricker,	40
N. Mondoux,	3 00
S. J. Hoyt,	2 40
William L. White,	50
Freight on snow plow,	1 72
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	\$178 54

STREET LIGHTING.

Paid Eugene F. Keith,	\$210 25
Arthur G. Waterman,	157 57
J. Sumner Knapp,	48 00
Ansel Ward,	7 50
John A. Tillinghast,	4 20
C. H. Waterman,	85

A. Hunting,	\$4 33
Geo. W. Holmes,	5 37
S. A. Rich,	2 35
Frank L. Gannett,	1 50
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	\$441 92

SUMMARY.

Appropriations, highways,	\$3,000 00	
“ Crossman and Whit-		
man fund,	91 00	
“ bridges, etc.,	500 00	
“ from H. T. Marshall,	20 00	
“ sidewalks,	400 00	
“ removing snow,	300 00	
“ street lighting,	475 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,786 00
Expended on highways,	\$3,153 00	
“ “ bridges, etc.,	542 51	
“ “ sidewalks,	375 17	
“ removing snow,	178 54	
“ street lighting,	441 92	
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Less appropriations,		94 86

We have investigated the stone crushers, and are of the opinion that it is better to buy crushed stone than to own a machine.

HERBERT C. KEITH,
GEO. L. CHAMBERLAIN,
WALTER G. SMELLIE,
Road Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1895.

In many respects this is a glorious age. Never before in the annals of history was so much being done by our commonwealth and our common country to protect the health and lives of her subjects as today. Germany has been alive in this matter for years and, fortunately, America is waking up. By the numerous safeguards which have been adopted, the creation of boards of health, and their co-operation with the town fathers, school committees and other municipal officers, the systematic and scientific handling of all contagious diseases, the prevention of adulteration of food stuffs, the care that diseased meats shall not be used, or sold to the people, as well as antiseptic surgery itself, by these means combined, the longevity of the people is being steadily increased.

As a rule, the physician in charge reports any case of contagious disease under his care directly to the board of health, but, that the laity may properly feel and understand their responsibility in the matter, we will quote from the Public Statutes, Acts of 1891, Chap. 188, Section 1 :

"When a householder knows that a person within his family is sick of small pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or any other disease dangerous to the public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the selectmen or board of health of the town in which he dwells, and upon the death, recovery or removal of such person, the rooms occupied and the articles used by him shall be disinfected by such holder in a manner approved by the board of health.

Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with either of the above provisions shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars."

It may be profitable, as well as interesting to every citizen, to know something of the vital statistics of Massachusetts. In the year 1893, which is the latest date of publication, there were in the state, deaths from small pox nine, whooping cough two hundred and seventy-four, measles two hundred and seventy-six, typhoid fever seven hundred and fifty, scarlet fever eight hundred and ten, diphtheria and croup thirteen hundred and ninety-four, cancer fifteen hundred and thirty-three, kidney diseases sixteen hundred and eighty-five, cholera infantum two thousand seven hundred and four, and heart diseases three thousand five hundred and eleven. Three diseases alone reached the enormous mortality of five thousand and over. Brain diseases stood at five thousand one hundred and forty-four, and pneumonia, one of the most treacherous and uncertain of all diseases, reached five thousand four hundred and ninety-nine, but CONSUMPTION, that most subtle and stealthy enemy of mankind outdid them all. It reached a mortality of five thousand five hundred and twenty-seven, with an average mortality in other years of nearly six thousand. Is it not proper, indeed the duty, of the public authorities to strain every nerve to crush out this terrible disease? That the matter may be kept continually before the people, we will insert the same article, from the State board, which we incorporated into our report last year.

"THE PREVENTION OF CONSUMPTION."

"Consumption is the most destructive disease of New England, the number of persons dying annually from this cause in Massachusetts amounting to nearly six thousand."

"The disease is infectious, and can be communicated from one person to another. The chief danger exists in the expectoration of the sick, and if this expectoration is carefully destroyed little danger need be feared."

"Consumptives should be instructed not to spit upon the floors of rooms, public halls, street and railroad cars and other vehicles, nor in the streets, but into pieces of cloth, or receptacles made for the purpose containing water, or a saturated solution of carbolic acid (one part of carbolic acid crystals to about fifteen parts of water). Such bits of cloth should be destroyed by fire, before the sputa becomes dry, and other receptacles should be cleansed with scalding water, their contents having been destroyed or otherwise carefully disposed of. Handkerchiefs, which may have been used from necessity, should be boiled half an hour before washing.

"A healthy person should not sleep in the same room with a consumptive. Remember that sputa must never be allowed to become dry."

Perhaps the inhabitants of this section are becoming more accustomed to the working of the machinery of the health department, but, lest some should not be fully informed, we will here state that it is not within the province of the opinion of any private citizen to decide what is or what is not scarlet fever, etc., or what is or what is not a contagious disease. All decisions in these matters come under the jurisdiction of officers duly appointed and properly qualified to judge.

Scarlet fever has visited our town this, as in other years. Twenty-four cases have occurred, and, upon recovery, the houses where such cases existed have been thoroughly fumigated, as has also one school-house. We are glad to say that the epidemic was held in check, and

that there was no spread of it in the community. Several nuisances have also been corrected during the year.

It has not been practicable for the board to rigidly enforce the regular emptying of cess-pools which have been built by their orders during the past few years. The reason of this apparent neglect of duty was due to the lack of proper apparatus, and the board will not order more cess-pools constructed until their need is met. Such apparatus must be bought soon, and we recommend the appropriation of four hundred dollars to be spent in buying a sewage-cart, pump and fixtures. The board have visited Bridgewater and Brockton, and have ascertained that such apparatus can be had new, or bought second-hand from Brockton at a much reduced rate. With this provision the board will be well equipped for the prosecution of its work, and will see that all additional cess-pools which are needed be built, and that they, together with those already in existence, are regularly emptied and in good condition.

A. L. SHIRLEY,

E. S. WHITMARSH,

W. T. GREENE,

Board of Health of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF CATTLE AND MEAT.

Since my report of 1894, the laws for the inspection of cattle have changed so that during the past year there has been only one inspection, which began in October, 1895, or at the time the cattle came to the barn, and closes April, 1896.

Inspection of any herd or any animal is to be made when an emergency arises, or whenever it is thought best, on account of numerous changes, to do so. This year the inspection includes sheep and swine.

We have three licensed slaughter houses, and I have inspected the neat cattle and swine slaughtered; with one exception have found them free from disease. This cow was brought in by a farmer to Gaffney's slaughter house, and on inspection proved to be tuberculous and was condemned. All of the swine were found to be in a very healthy condition.

During the first of the year three cows were killed — two by consent of the owners and one by the board of cattle commissioners. The former were found to be tuberculous.

At this time we have in quarantine four cows, also an entire herd waiting to be tested with tuberculin, which is done at the expense of the Commonwealth by the owner signing the proper papers.

W. T. GREENE, Inspector.

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

Expended :	
Paid each company, \$50,	\$100 00
janitor service,	51 70
service at fires, buildings,	64 00
“ “ “ in woods,	5 50
painting houses,	111 72
J. Dean, coal,	25 40
fire extinguisher,	22 00
W. K. Churchill, sundries,	14 60
A. G. Waterman, “	3 83
C. H. Waterman, repairs,	3 50
W. E. Bonney, “	1 25
F. A. Quimby, “	2 50
Z. A. Jenkins, use of team,	6 00
F. C. Nutter, curtains,	3 00
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	\$415 00
Appropriation,	\$525 00
Not drawn,	110 00
Balance cash on hand from 1894,	11 72

W. K. CHURCHILL, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

BIRTHS.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1895.		
Jan. 13	Thomas Anthony Cook	James A. and Walburger
" 21	Catharine Dillon	James and Annie
" 23	Carl Clifton Lindsey	Ernest W. and Elizabeth H.
Feb. 3	John Jarvis	John B. and Mary E.
" 5	Frank Silva	Frank and Mary J.
" 8	Grace Howland Harris	Robert O. and Josephine D.
" 12	Leon Alfred Thibeault	Nazaire and Marie
" 16	——— Chaplin	Arthur G. and Ida M.
" 27	Gladys May Grant	Clinton S. and Susannah
Mar. 4	Alice Cruley	Patrick N. and Ellen
" 11	George Austin Chandler	Clarence A. and Alice M.
" 12	Wilson Stanton Chase	William H. and Annie F.
" 23	Catharine Murphy	John J. and Mary E.
" 29	Mary Alice Bernard	Fortuna and Mary A.
Apr. 7	Joseph Mitchell Loucraft	George I. and Nellie C.
" 8	Francis Xaria Dubois, Jr.	Francis X. and Annie
" 18	John Leo Bourdeau	Timothy and Denise
" 22	Laura Mondoux	Narcisse and Adeline
" 25	Alta Grace Shepard	John B. and Julia
" 25	Iva Mildred Willis	Elmer F. and Etta W.
" 28	Edna Howland	Samuel T. and Edith E.
May 7	Walter Henry Witherill	Robert and Mary E.
" 9	Lena Thompson	Frank W. and Clara M.
" 30	Sarah Elizabeth Hayward	Roy S. and Florence E.
June 3	Catharine O'Hearn	Michael J. and Mary A.
" 28	——— Howe	Josiah R. and Eva F.
" 28	Brenda Blanchard Spear	Charles A. and Lillian E.
July 12	Mary Feeney	Michael F. and Jane A.
" 24	Florence Agnes Duane	William M. and Mary F.
Aug. 13	Wesley Chute Robbins	David B. and Aurelia E.
" 19	——— Harden	Lester and Lillian
" 24	Addie May Crocker	Winslow B. and Kate A.
" 27	——— Drew	Frank A. and Hannah J.
" 28	Edward Patrick Murphy	Edward S. and Nellie G.
Sept. 1	Frederick Bates Morse	Edward T. and Hattie M.
" 8	Myron Standish Reed	Henry A. L. and Viola F.
" 9	Salome Williams Alger	George W. and Corelli C.
" 17	Belle Higgins	Matthew S. and Hattie S.
" 19	Samuel Fuller	Fred E. and Mary S.
" 20	Ruth Davis Chandler	Frank B. and Sarah D.
" 24	Julia Albina Little	Joseph and Albina
Oct. 3	Ruth Harlow Bird	Quincy C. and Emma F.
" 6	Charles Joseph Williams	David and Mary A.
" 10	Helen May Davila	Joseph and Mary J.
" 23	Arthur Wade Clark	Andrew and Jane C.
" 31	——— Lavieu	Jacob and Rachel

BIRTHS, CONTINUED.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1895.		
Nov. 11	Albert Forcier	Joseph and Eugenia
" 12	Howard Folsom Wilson	Melville B. and Lucy
" 13	Earle Wingate Fletcher	William R. and Helen L.
" 16	John Redmond Kingman	Walter G. and Mary
" 23	Everett Austin Knapp	Austin R. and Francis M.
" 23	Harold Williston Sturtevant	James W. and Catharine A.
Dec. 1	Julia O'Brien	Cornelius L. and Annie
" 5	Annie Swift	Michael and Ellen
" 25	John Maxwell Shute	Edward and Lucy J.
" 26	Warren E. Hunt	Leonard and Mary A.
" 27	Raymond Percival Palmer	Frank H. and Jessie M.
" 30	Margaret Elizabeth Sturtevant	Andrew P. and Myra R.
1894.		
Jan. 9	Charles Augustine Swift	Michael and Ellen
Feb. 5	Clifton Richardson Hayward	Roy S. and Florence E.

Whole number of births in 1895, 58.

FRANK SMITH, Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES.

Thirty-one marriages have been recorded in the town of East Bridgewater for the year 1895.

Date of Marriage.

Name of Groom, Bride and Residence.

1895.

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| Jan. | 1. | Roland V. Bouldry and Sarah E. Archibald,
both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. H.
Palmer. |
| | 16. | Charles E. Sturtevant of East Bridgewater and
Nellie T. Pratt of South Weymouth. By
Rev. L. Weston Atwood. |
| Feb. | 7. | Joseph Purnier and Mary Dupuy, both of East
Bridgewater. By Rev. Wm. E. Kelley. |
| | 12. | Elzea Robin and Albina Michau, both of East
Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelley. |
| Mar. | 23. | Austin R. Knapp and Frances M. Rollins, both
of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O.
Paine. |
| April | 9. | George E. Holmes of Providence, R. I., and
Mary A. Wright of East Bridgewater. By
Rev. Augustus M. Lord. |
| | 11. | John Hudson and Eliza Smith, both of East
Bridgewater. By Rev. George W. Hunt. |
| | 25. | Arthur Lavally and Nellie G. Hennesey, both of
East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. E. Keyes. |
| May | 11. | William McRoberts and Mary C. Gurney, both
of Whitman. By Rev. M. B. Wilson. |
| June | 5. | Frank S. Brett of East Bridgewater and Annie
H. Matthews of Boston. By Rev. M. B.
Wilson. |
| | 10. | Charles R. Beals of East Bridgewater and Lizzie
A. Curtis of Pittsfield. By Rev. J. F.
Clymer. |

- June 17. George W. Dunphe and Alice G. Bourbeau,
both of East Bridgewater. By Rev.
Frederic Edwards.
26. Henry D. Orrok and Mabel A. Holmes, both
of Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
30. Martin Connolly of Woonsocket, R. I., and Mary
Costello of East Bridgewater. By Rev.
W. E. Kelley.
- July 2. James F. Charnock of Bridgewater and Elizabeth
A. Roach of East Bridgewater. By Rev.
W. E. Kelley.
3. Herbert C. Goodwin of East Bridgewater and
Ida L. Fisher of West Bridgewater. By
Rev. M. B. Wilson.
- Aug. 1. William T. Leonard and Maria W. Fuller, both
of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W.
Quinby.
20. Simeon C. Keith, Jr., of East Bridgewater and
Annie C. O'Brien of Sharon, By Rev. W.
H. DeWitt.
- Sept. 16. Victor W. Keith and Alice H. Allen, both of
East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
16. Michael L. Dorey of Brockton and Maggie P.
Hassett of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W.
E. Kelley.
23. Joseph E. Thayer and Maud Henderson, both of
West Bridgewater. By Rev. John W.
Quinby.
25. Henry Lester Newhall and Ada M. Rollins,
both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. M. B.
Wilson.

- Oct. 23. Eli W. Phillips of Whitman and Mabel G. Churchill of Abington. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Nov. 26. Ellsworth F. Miller of East Bridgewater and Irene L. Alden of Whitman. By Rev. F. L. Hunnewell.
27. Harry S. Hatch and Christiana M. Bourne, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. M. B. Wilson.
27. William F. Holmes of Middleboro and Hattie L. Wing of East Bridgewater. By Rev. M. F. Johnson.
27. Lawrence L. Gardner of Pembroke and Alice M. Clark of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- Dec. 7. Alonzo A. Pratt and Minnie Monaghan, both of East Bridgewater. By George D. Soule, J. P.
22. Fred. A. Latham of East Bridgewater and Lucy F. Millett of Whitman. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
24. Eugene F. Pratt and Lydia W. Thrasher, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
30. Frank R. Gregson of East Bridgewater and Lizzie Madden of Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelley.

FRANK SMITH, Town Clerk.

DEATHS.

DATE OF DEATH.		NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
			Y	M	D	
1895.						
Jan.	11	Ellen Murray	85			Old age.
"	15	Deborah P. Goss	68	8	13	Goitre and hyperinosis.
"	31	Lorenzo Kelley	75		22	Organic disease of the heart.
Feb.	7	Nicholas Francoeur	22	10		Influenza.
"	11	Prudie W. Potter	62		2	Cancer.
"	14	Mary Clarity	28	11	21	Influenza and spinal disease.
"	19	William Allen	79	4	22	Pneumonia.
"	22	George Bush	75	8	12	Liver complaint.
"	24	William B. Allen	26	10	5	Consumption.
"	24	Lyman L. Cushing	1		1	Pneumonia.
"	25	Leon A. Thibeault			13	Influenza.
Mar.	2	Frank Silva			1	Pneumonia.
"	3	Alice Leary			11	Catarrhal pneumonia.
"	4	Lydia W. Harden	70	8	15	La grippe.
"	4	Alice Curley			1	Premature birth.
"	5	Jared B. Allen	63		1	Catarrhal bronchitis.
"	9	Laura C. Vinton	63	3	28	Pneumonia.
"	13	Reuben Richards	59	4	5	Phthisis pulmonalis.
"	14	Alice Roach	29	11	15	Typhoid pneumonia.
"	14	Albert Bates	46	6	5	Strangulated hernia.
"	22	Frances K. Brown	74	1		Bronchitis.
"	26	Caroline A. Chaplin	72	4		Apoplexy.
Apr.	3	Salome Keith	92	1		Pneumonia.
"	8	Marcia C. Hatch	85	8	26	Old age.
"	11	Harriet Nutter	42	9	30	Phthisis pulmonalis.
"	14	Robert W. Ormiston	18	6	14	Strangulation (suicide).
"	22	Nils Paulson	37			Accidental drowning.
"	24	Huldah H. Pratt	82		14	Bronchitis.
"	30	Thomas Hooper	89	5	25	Old age.
May	1	Jennie S. Kenneally	20	3	2	Consumption.
"	7	Elmer O. Reed	28	5	28	Pneumonia.
"	19	Jennie A. Keene	59	3	8	Bronchitis and heart disease.
"	23	Grace A. Watson	16	7	7	Convulsions.
"	24	Joseph H. Mills	81	6	7	Old age.
"	25	Jacob Poziczki	36			Fracture base of skull.
"	27	Patrick Norris	58			Pneumonia.
June	5	John C. Carr	65		28	Cirrhosis of liver.
"	12	Mary E. Dean	51	5	26	Cancer.
"	21	Nancy J. Elwell	55	9	7	Heart disease.
July	4	Mabel Thompson	3	3	22	Scarlet fever.
"	11	George H. Carleton	63	4	28	Peritonitis.
Aug.	21	— Harden			2	Marasmus.
"	30	William H. Brett	25	4	26	Phthisis.
Sept.	2	Alix Bernard		5	5	Meningitis.
"	9	Joseph M. Loucraft		5	2	Meningitis.
"	21	Asa W. Whitman	56	8	18	Tetanus.
"	21	John Kenney	70			Paresis.
"	22	J. Henry Potter	67	6	22	Aortic stenosis.
"	28	Charles Thrasher	74	4	3	Consumption.
Oct.	5	Emma B. Bates	8	11	11	Typhoid fever.
"	9	Mary A. Fowler	63	6	5	Apoplexy.
"	15	John Aldridge	72	5	22	Apoplexy.

DEATHS, CONTINUED.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y	M	D	
1895.					
Dec. 9	George Bryant	85	6		Erysipelas.
" 6	Timothy O. Paine	71			Enlarged prostate cystitis.
" 11	Julia A. Little	71	2	16	Cholera infantum.
" 14	James N. Sweeting	74		8	Pneumonia.
" 23	Mary D. Nash	72	6	11	Heart disease.
" 23	Drusilla Keene	83	8	25	Pneumonia.
" 24	Margaret C. Hunting	12	8	16	Typhoid fever.
" 27	Almira L. Torrey	85	7	21	Old age.
" 27	— Palmer				Still born.

Number of deaths in 1895, 61.

FRANK SMITH, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

FRANK SMITH, Collector,

In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1891.	DR.		
To amount uncollected,			\$43 59
1891.	CR.		
By amount paid treasurer,		\$ 23	
“ “ uncollected,		43 36	
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1892.	DR.		
To amount uncollected,			41 60
1892.	CR.		
By amount paid treasurer,		\$ 44	
“ “ uncollected,		41 16	
		<hr/>	41 60
1893.	DR.		
To amount uncollected,			58 46
1893.	CR.		
By amount paid treasurer,		\$ 97	
“ “ uncollected,		57 49	
		<hr/>	58 46
1894.	DR.		
To amount uncollected,		\$370 91	
“ “ interest collected,		7 80	
		<hr/>	378 71
1894.	CR.		
By amount paid treasurer,		\$306 52	
“ “ uncollected,		72 19	
		<hr/>	378 71

1895.	Dr.		
To amount committed,		\$24,371 34	
“ “ interest collected,		122 12	
		<hr/>	24,493 46
1895.	CR.		
By amount paid treasurer,		\$24,132 01	
“ “ uncollected,		361 45	
		<hr/>	24,493 46

The uncollected taxes for the years previous to 1895 are taxes assessed upon lots sold by the Hanson Land Company.

FRANK SMITH, Collector.

East Bridgewater, Feb. 1, 1896.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

JARVIS BURRELL, Town Treasurer,

In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1895.	DR.		
Feb. 4.	Balance as per previous report,	\$1,516	37
20.	Old Colony Railroad Co., on account of grade crossing,	1,229	57
Mar. 8.	State treasurer, on account of grade crossing,	662	08
11.	Town of Bridgewater, aid to Kate McGowen,	6	50
	Town of Bridgewater, aid to Nelson O. Carr,	6	25
16.	State treasurer, Corporation tax,	1	10
	“ “ National bank tax,	17	00
April 3.	Police Court, Brockton, fine,	50	00
5.	State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co., borrowed of,	8,000	00
24.	C. F. O'Brien, pedler's license,	8	00
30.	Frank Smith, town clerk, amount received pool table license,	2	00
July 2.	Police Court, Brockton, 2 fines,	15	00
8.	State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co., borrowed of,	1,000	00
Aug. 3.	E. N. Ward, license,	1	00
5.	State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co., borrowed of,	1,000	00
Sept. 17.	State treasurer, refunded on account of late N. S. Bouldry,	39	60

Sept.	23.	State treasurer, on account of supt. of schools,	\$1,250 00
Oct.	1.	Police Court, Brockton, 8 fines,	105 00
	15.	J. H. Fullerton, pedler's license,	8 00
	29.	Fall River Savings Bank, income of Johnson Fund,	22 75
		Selectmen, income of Crossman & Whitman Fund,	91 00
	31.	State treasurer, support of State paupers,	48 58
Nov.	1.	F. Smith, town clerk, amt. received for pool table license,	2 00
		Frank Smith, license of sixth class,	1 00
	20.	W. H. Gaffnee, license,	1 00
		J. W. Hutchins, “	1 00
		S. A. Rich, “	2 00
Dec.	7.	H. T. Marshall, on acct. of bridge,	20 00
	11.	State treasurer, Corporation tax,	1,969 55
		“ “ National bank tax,	775 52
		“ “ State aid,	835 00
		Selectmen, on account of almshouse,	80 00
	13.	Abington Fire Insurance Co., on account of school-houses,	11 65
1896.			
Jan.	1.	Police Court, Brockton, 2 fines,	10 00
	7.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, income of Johnson Fund,	42 95
	11.	Town of Bridgewater, aid to Nelson O. Carr,	38 28
		Mrs. D. W. Duane, on account of drainage,	15 00
		P. Crowley, on account of drainage,	5 00
	25.	County treasurer, dividend of dog tax,	407 61
	23.	Town of West Bridgewater, aid to C. E. Fisher and S. E. Dunbar,	167 63

Jan.	25.	Town of Raynham, aid to Mrs. Tuck and children,	\$130 00
		State treasurer, for support of State paupers,	72 13
		State treasurer, income of Mass. school fund,	269 20
	28.	State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co., borrowed of,	2,000 00
Feb.	1.	Interest on deposits,	33 77
		Frank Smith, coll., acct. taxes, 1891,	23
		“ “ “ “ “ 1892,	44
		“ “ “ “ “ 1893,	97
		“ “ “ “ “ 1894,	306 52
		“ “ “ “ “ 1895,	24,132 01
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			\$46,410 26

J. BURRELL.

1895.	CR.	
April 1.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, interest,	\$ 45 00
	New Bedford Institution for Savings, account of principal,	500 00
3.	G. V. Goodwin, court fees,	5 10
	W. T. Green, " "	10 70
	T. S. H. Rounesville, court fees,	6 20
5.	State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co., interest,	160 00
June 4.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest,	70 00
July 2.	Benj. Siddall, court fees,	19 82
	T. S. H. Rounesville, court fees,	6 61
8.	State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co., interest,	8 75
Aug. 5.	State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co., interest,	5 83
Sept. 24.	Town of West Bridgewater, on acct. of State school fund,	166 66
	Town of Raynham, on account of State school fund,	100 00
Oct. 1.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, interest,	33 75
	R. J. Mitchell, court fees,	13 34
	D. B. Robbins, " "	7 00
	W. T. Green, " "	13 47
	E. E. Edson, " "	3 25
	Benj. Siddall, " "	21 42
	" " $\frac{1}{3}$ of 6 fines as com- plainant,	30 00
4.	State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co., town note,	\$,000 00

Nov.	1.	County treasurer, county tax,	\$2,193 84
		State treasurer, assessment account	
		of grade crossing,	421 24
		State treasurer, interest account of	
		grade crossing;	55 60
		State treasurer, State tax,	990 00
	15.	“ “ acct. of license fee,	25
	26.	G. W. Parker, town note and interest,	520 80
		East Bridgewater Savings Bank,	
		interest,	70 00
1896.			
Jan.	1.	F. W. Fisher, court fee,	10 00
		E. E. Edson, “ “	5 54
	7.	Trustees of Public Library,	65 70
		State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co.,	
		town notes and interest,	2,019 00
		East Bridgewater Savings Bank,	
		town note and interest,	3,531 38
	28.	State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co.,	
		interest,	21 00
		Amt. of orders drawn by selectmen,	14,291 12
		“ “ “ “ “ school com-	
		mittee,	9,674 84
Feb.	1.	Cash on hand,	3,313 05
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			\$46,410 26

JARVIS BURRELL, Treasurer.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

1895.		DR.	
Jan.	1.	To cash on hand,	\$12 08
	18.	Rec'd of M. E. O. F.,	13 00
Feb.	22.	“ “ parish parlor as- sociation,	6 50
Mar. 8, 9.		Rec'd of High school fair,	10 00
April	12.	“ “ parish parlor as- sociation,	6 50
May	7.	Rec'd of Miss Agnes Hobert,	7 00
May	29.	“ “ A. O. O. H.,	14 00
Nov.	22.	“ “ William M. Goldie,	8 00
	28.	“ “ C. F. Mann dance,	10 00
Dec.	5.	“ “ Miss Agnes Hobert,	7 00
	26.	“ “ High school reunion,	9 00
	31.	“ from interest,	51
			<hr/> \$103 59

CR.

By bills paid :

April	5.	Bosworth Bros.,	\$ 1 00
	6.	Cleaning hall,	13 00
	16.	J. Dean, coal,	6 25
June	8.	A. C. Chandler, rent on piano,	35 00
Aug.	12.	C. H. Waterman,	2 75
Dec.	24.	A. G. Waterman,	5 61
	28.	“ “ “	1 28
	31.	Frank Smith,	1 50
		T. S. H. Rounseville, janitor,	30 00
		Cash on hand,	7 20
			<hr/> \$103 59

GEO. F. LOMBARD, for the Committee.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The board now consists of Alfred B. Parker and Alice E. Strong, whose terms expire in 1896; Isaac N. Nutter and William H. Taylor, whose terms expire in 1897, and Edmund W. Nutter and Mary H. Rust, whose terms expire in 1898. The board organized April 6, 1895, by choice of Alfred B. Parker, chairman, and I. N. Nutter, secretary and treasurer.

Miss Lucy Siddall, the librarian, has been obliged, owing to ill health, to absent herself from the library a portion of the time, but has given the needed supervision, having as assistant Miss Amy Frizelle, who has been courteous and attentive to the patrons and a faithful aid to the librarian.

The lease of the room occupied by the library in the Masonic Building, which was for three years, expired in October last, and was renewed for one year, as the trustees hope a permanent home may be erected in the near future, and, therefore, did not feel justified in renewing the lease for a longer period.

The trustees are gratified that so many use the library as a reading room.

The following publications can be found at all times upon the tables: Harper's, Atlantic, Century, St. Nicholas and Youths' Companion.

The Patent Office Reports are received regularly as issued. A portion of them have been bound and the remainder arranged and classified.

It is pleasant to know that persons who formerly resided in town take an interest in its library, as donations from several are mentioned below.

The following statistics show the number of books taken out, and also gives other information which the trustees think may interest the readers of this report:

Number of new books added by purchase,	103
Donated by Mrs. Harriet Ames Mitchell of Boston,	35
“ “ Mr. John A. Mitchell of New York,	1
“ “ Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bliss,	3

Mr. Percy H. Lombard of Boston presented the library a set of World's Fair books in thirty parts, which are of great value and have afforded pleasure and information to all who have examined them.

Books in paper covers donated,	30
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10 volumes have been purchased to replace those worn out and destroyed during the prevalence of scarlet fever.

Public documents received,	16
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Added to sets,	3
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Number of books taken from library,	9,733
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Decrease from 1894,	1,100
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Increase over 1893,	847
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Library was open 148 days.

Largest number of books given out Feb. 16,	141
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Smallest “ “ “ “ “ June 12,	19
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Average,	65.76
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Cards issued, 83, whole number, 1,363.

The books taken out are classified as follows:

Fiction,	58.93	Juvenile Fiction,	23.35
History & Nat. History,	4.41	Biography,	2.88
Science and Poetry,	2.87	Magazines,	4.97

Of the books circulated 7,977 were fiction and juvenile fiction.

For the Trustees,

A. B. PARKER, Chairman.

I. N. NUTTER, Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in hand,	\$ 6 19
Town treasurer, annual appropriation,	500 00
“ “ income from Johnson fund,	65 70
Librarian, for catalogues sold,	2 75
“ fines collected,	26 80
Cash for books sold and for binding books,	8 06
	————— \$609 50

EXPENDITURES.

Lucy S. Siddall, services as librarian,	\$200 00
“ “ “ care of room,	32 50
“ “ “ supplies and fuel,	8 63
Perry, Mason & Co., Youths' Companion,	1 75
Edward H. Haskell, paper for covers,	14 76
Satucket Masonic Building Association, rent,	125 00
E. W. Nutter, magazines,	10 08
Ætna Insurance Co.,	16 00
W. B. Clarke & Co., books,	150 70
James H. Lamb, mgr., annual cyclopædia,	6 00
Brockton Book Bindery, binding books,	17 00
J. Burrell, printing and catalogues,	12 75
J. W. Pratt, books,	2 75

Alger & Co., express,	\$2 25	
Joshua Dean, coal,	6 25	
F. C. Nutter, supplies,	1 33	
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	\$607 75	
Cash on hand,	1 75	
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		\$609 50

I. N. NUTTER, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the books and accounts of the town officers for the year 1895, and beg leave to submit the following report :

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on treasurer,	\$14,291 12
“ “ “ paid by “	14,291 12

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on treasurer,	\$9,674 84
“ “ “ paid by “	9,674 84

TREASURER.

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1895, and received	
during the year,	\$46,410 26
Amount paid during the year,	43,097 21

Cash on hand,	\$3,313 05
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COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection,	\$24,371 34
Interest,	122 12

	\$24,493 46
Amount paid to treasurer,	24,132 01

Uncollected taxes,	\$361 45
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WARDEN'S ACCT. AT ALMSHOUSE.

Amount on hand, Dec. 31, 1894, and received	
during the year 1895,	\$386 62
Amount paid out during the year 1895,	384 43

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1896,	\$2 19
Total valuation, \$1,450,493.00.	
Rate per \$1000, \$15.50.	

N. F. DUNPHE, Auditor.

East Bridgewater, Mass., Feb. 4, 1896.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER,
AND
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FOR THE YEAR 1895.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1896.

Spring Term begins March 30, closes June 12; 11 weeks.

Fall Term begins Sept. 8, closes Dec. 18; 15 weeks.
Vacation, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

Winter Term begins Jan. 4, 1897, closes March 12, 1897;
10 weeks.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring Term begins March 30, closes June 26; 13 weeks.

Fall Term begins Sept. 8, closes Dec. 18; 15 weeks.
Vacation, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

Winter Term begins Dec. 28, closes March 19, 1897; 12
weeks.

Storm Signals.— 11 — 111111 — two blows, pause, six blows,
struck three times on church bells at 8.05 A. M., no
school for the day.

Regular Meetings of the Committee.—Second Monday
evening of each month, at 7.30 o'clock.

Superintendent's Office Hours.—At town office Mondays
and Thursdays, from 3.30 to 5.30 P. M. during school
days.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1895.

Alice R. Allen,	term expires	1897
Robert O. Harris,	“ “	1897
Fannie M. Shaw,	“ “	1896
Susan B. Dunphe,	“ “	1896
Edward T. Morse,	“ “	1898
Richard W. Nutter,	“ “	1898

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

R. W. Nutter, Chairman.

S. B. Dunphe, Secretary.

E. T. Morse, Treasurer.

George C. Howard, Supt. of Schools.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of the Town of East Bridgewater :

There have been no changes in the personnel or organization of your school committee for the past year. At the April meeting of the joint committee for the Union District the resignation of Superintendent Roscoe D. McKeen was received, and accepted with regret. Mr. McKeen left us to take a more desirable superintendency in a compact district, comprised of Bradford and Merrimac. During his three years of service the improvement in our schools was very marked and constant. The joint committee unanimously adopted and placed on record resolutions recognizing his ability and energetic efforts.

From among the large number of candidates who presented themselves for the position made vacant by the resignation of Mr. McKeen the committee selected Mr. George C. Howard of West Bridgewater. Mr. Howard entered upon his duties May 20th, and has pursued them since with an earnestness and intelligence that fully justify the wisdom of the choice. His relations with scholars, teachers and committee are cordial and harmonious, and we confidently anticipate satisfactory results.

We recommend to your attention his report which follows, and trust that you will give it a careful perusal. We especially refer you to that portion of it which treats of a much-vexed question—the pay of the school teacher. As he there says, it is the duty of the state to do more towards equalizing the privileges of education. It is unjust that the burden should bear heaviest where the advantages

are least, in the country town. If, as cannot be denied, these communities are important factors in the state, then something should be done to remedy a disparity that too often drives away families who insist that, first of all, the children must have a good education.

The committee feel that in the matter of teachers' salaries you have been as generous as the ability of our tax-payers will permit. You will notice that we have expended none of the extra appropriation of \$500, which was unexpectedly placed at our disposal. We felt that it was a burst of generosity which could not be counted on to last indefinitely. Suddenly to raise, and as suddenly to decrease, the pay of our teachers, could not fail to produce demoralizing results. We believe that today you have a competent corps of teachers and we ask only that they may feel secure of their present salaries.

None of the other expenditures call for any explanation, except that for transportation, which has been overrun about \$100. The explanation of this is found in the gratifying increase in the number of pupils attending the Central Grammar school and in the change of railroad rates, as pointed out in the report of the Superintendent. Commencing with the next school year the electric railroad will enable us to discontinue the Beaver and Elmwood coaches. At the half rates which the company offers school children, we shall save by this change about \$100 on the number at present transported.

Last year we recommended the purchase of new desks and chairs for the Grammar school. We urge it more strongly now. The old ones are in a most dilapidated condition. It is impossible to conceive how habits of neatness can be preserved, much less taught, in such surroundings. The same might be said of the black-boards

in this room. The town has no extraordinary expenses to face this year. We suggest that the present is a good time to put the school property in thorough repair. The schools will then be able to stand one side and give a place for other departments, which we may reasonably expect will increase their demands at no distant day.

Several of the parents living on the Common desire to have a Primary school again established in that neighborhood. The committee do not think it necessary at the present time. Last term there were only six children who attended the North Primary school from this portion of the town. There are, however, several more below the school age. If the number increases the question will have to be considered, if for no other reason than to relieve the North Primary, which has now 50 pupils. This is all that building will hold and rather more than one teacher can handle with the best results. If the old district, which took in Bedford and spring streets and the village down to Union street, were to be re-established, it would furnish a school of about 20 pupils.

We offer you these observations to acquaint you with the situation and the necessity that may arise in the near future of building a new school house.

We recommend the following appropriations for 1896 :

For school purposes,	\$6,200 00
books and supplies,	500 00
incidentals,	300 00
minor repairs,	150 00
painting Beaver building,	100 00
transportation,	525 00
salary of superintendent,	350 00
music teacher,	175 00
drawing teacher,	175 00

For new stoves and repair of furnaces in High school,	\$200 00
desks, slates, black-boards, etc., for Grammar school,	500 00
insurance,	65 00
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	\$9,240 00

Mrs. JAS. S. ALLEN,
 Mrs. N. F. DUNPHE,
 Mrs. ALLAN B. SHAW,
 ROBERT O. HARRIS,
 EDWARD T. MORSE,
 RICHARD W. NUTTER.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$6,600 00
Received under Act of 1893,	233 33
Received from Massachusetts school fund,	269 20
Received dividend on dog tax,	407 61
Total,	<hr/> \$7,510 14

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

Ralph A. Sturges, High school,	\$625 00
Wm. R. Fletcher, High school,	375 00
M. Edna Wakefield, High school,	281 25
Pauline C. Melins, High school,	168 75
E. Florence Jordan, Grammar school,	98 40
Hattie K. Marden, Grammar school,	156 00
Maud L. Johnson, Grammar school,	208 32
Alice G. Bourbeau, Grammar school,	201 40
Angie S. Bowles, Grammar school,	135 00
Ma Belle Fletcher, Centre Intermediate,	111 60
Gertrude F. Whitcomb, Centre Intermediate,	81 00
Myra H. Baker, Centre Intermediate,	150 00
Helen A. Luddy, West Intermediate,	397 00
Cora B. Crabtree, West Primary,	396 00
Julia Mansfield, Beaver Intermediate,	377 00
Grace N. Bramhall, Beaver Primary,	18 90
Margaret Walker, Beaver Primary,	30 00

Lida A. Boyce, Beaver Primary,	265 80
Nellie A. M. Alger, Beaver Primary,	27 00
Hattie Hilton, Elmwood Intermediate,	234 00
Tryphosa B. Peterson, Elmwood Intermediate,	132 00
Grace L. Cook, Elmwood Primary,	190 80
Helen W. Safford, Elmwood Primary,	135 00
Sadie E. Childs, Satucket,	72 00
Nora J. Whittier, Satucket,	110 50
Emille Lee Jenkins, Satucket,	135 00
Ethel S. Parker, Eastville,	180 20
Rachel M. Ferguson, Eastville,	135 00
Grace M. Libby, Northville,	145 80
Agnes E. Lobdell, Northville,	45 00
Gertrude F. Whitcomb, Northville,	150 00
Myra B. Deasy, North Primary,	232 00
E. Isabelle Ramsdell, North Primary,	150 00
Town of Whitman, tuition,	15 00
Total,	<hr/> \$6,165 72

FUEL.

G. W. Alger, coal,	\$ 12 10
Luther Churchill, wood,	1 75
Joshua Dean, coal,	434 35
J. D. Jones, wood,	23 75
Total,	<hr/> \$471 95

CARE OF HOUSES AND CLEANING.

H. A. Grow, care High school,	\$147 00
Daniel Nash, care West building,	1 74
M. Davitt Carroll, care West building,	28 33
Mrs. Allen, care Beaver,	10 00
Frank Allen, care Beaver,	10 00
J. M. Whitman, care Beaver,	11 50

Charles Soule, care Elmwood,	\$ 8 00
Fred. Turnbull, care Elmwood,	28 00
Sadie E. Childs, care Satucket,	4 50
Richmond Parker, care Satucket,	13 00
Susan Sumner, care Satucket,	3 00
Emille Lee Jenkins, care Satucket,	8 00
Willie Sharpe, care Eastville,	10 50
Grace M. Libby, care Northville,	4 00
Gertrude F. Whitcomb, care Northville,	5 00
George A. Wright, care North Primary,	17 00
George W. Skillings, care North Primary,	8 00
Mrs. George McDermott, cleaning,	23 41
J. M. Whitman, cleaning, Beaver,	12 59
Susan F. Bonney, cleaning, Elmwood,	7 00
Grace M. Libby, cash paid for cleaning, North- ville,	1 50
W. Hansen, cleaning, Northville,	1 00
Total,	<hr/> \$358 07

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for teaching,	\$6,165 72
fuel,	471 95
care and cleaning,	358 07
Total,	<hr/> \$6,995 74
Amount available,	7,510 14
Unexpended,	<hr/> \$514 40

REPAIRS ON BUILDINGS.

W. E. Bonney, stock and labor,	\$ 8 38
Irving Horton, " " "	12 75
Herman Leonard, stock and labor,	21 32
Geo. F. Lombard, " " "	7 38

E. B. Morse, lumber,	\$3 00
Geo. Packard, labor,	2 02
Chas. L. Seaver, stock and labor,	31 67
Geo. A. Simmons, " " "	26 38
John M. Whiting, " " "	7 25
Geo. A. Wright, " " "	2 00
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Total,	\$122 15
Appropriation,	150 00
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Unexpended,	\$27 85

INCIDENTALS.

Alice R. Allen, cash paid,	\$ 1 50
Chas. W. Allen, settees,	18 48
James S. Allen, labor,	3 60
Alger's Express,	17 10
L. Emma Bradford, book,	3 00
East Bridgewater Savings Bank, hall,	9 00
J. Burrell, printing,	25 95
Carver Cotton Gin Co., labor,	2 03
E. L. Clark, " "	3 00
James Edgar & Co., decorations,	2 40
M. Clifton Edson, storm signals,	50
H. H. Erskine, labor,	60
S. J. Hoyt, " "	2 00
Hopkinson & Holden, brushes,	6 00
Geo. C. Howard, railroad fares and postage,	33 24
Eugene A. Lincoln, labor,	2 02
R. D. McKeen, railroad fares and postage,	38 87
E. T. Morse, school census,	25 00
" " " " postage, etc.,	1 85
E. W. Nutter, papers,	7 36
F. C. Nutter, incidentals,	11 07

R. W. Nutter, justice of the peace, etc.,	2 50
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight,	4 13
Thomas, Packard & Co., chairs,	3 00
David H. Pratt, labor,	55
F. S. Tolman, paper,	70
L. J. Voigt, filling diplomas,	3 55
M. R. Warren, stationery,	5 00
A. G. Waterman, incidentals,	1 25
C. H. Waterman, stock and labor,	28 51
G. M. Webber, " " "	21 37
M. L. Webber, cartage,	7 00
R. H. White & Co., decorations,	7 00
Total,	<hr/> \$299 13
Appropriation,	325 00
Unexpended,	<hr/> \$25 87

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

American Book Co., books,	\$25 16
Franklin Educational Co., apparatus,	11 89
Ginn & Co., books,	86 85
J. L. Hammett, supplies,	11 54
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	1 56
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books,	14 00
Maynard, Merrill & Co., books,	12 60
Geo. S. Perry & Co., supplies,	186 14
John E. Potter & Co., geographies,	135 70
Prang Educational Co., drawing books,	11 52
Geo. F. King and Merrill, ink,	3 00
University Publishing Co., books,	4 54
William Ware & Co., "	4 00
Total,	<hr/> \$508 50

Appropriation,	\$500 00
Expend in excess of appropriation,	\$8 50

TRANSPORTATION.

W. L. Benson,	\$ 70 50
Susan E. Dunbar,	4 95
M. A. Hayward,	9 90
Albert Kelley,	239 98
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford railroad,	90 00
Howard Paine,	4 95
M. L. Webber,	200 00
Total,	\$620 28
Appropriation,	525 00
Expend in excess of appropriation,	\$95 28

MUSIC.

Edmund F. Sawyer,	\$105 00
M. L. Webber, carriage hire,	18 75
M. L. Webber, extra work in 1894,	25 00
Total,	\$148 75
Appropriation,	175 00
Unexpended,	\$26 25

DRAWING.

Alice B. Upham,	\$105 00
M. L. Webber, carriage hire,	18 75
Total,	\$123 75
Appropriation,	175 00
Unexpended,	\$51 25

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

R. D. McKeen, for State,	\$312 50
Received from State,	312 50
R. D. McKeen, for town,	\$145 82
Town treasurer of W. Bridgewater,	204 17
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Total,	\$349 99
Appropriation,	350 00
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Unexpended,	\$ 01

PAINTING.

M. S. Curtis,	\$194 05
Appropriation,	175 00
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Expended in excess of appropriation,	\$19 05

SUMMARY.

Appropriation, school purpose,	\$6,600 00
Received under act of 1893,	233 33
“ for superintendent's salary,	312 50
Income of Mass. school fund,	269 20
Dividend on dog tax,	407 61
Appropriation for books and supplies,	500 00
“ “ incidentals,	325 00
“ “ minor repairs,	150 00
“ “ painting,	175 00
“ “ music,	175 00
“ “ drawing,	175 00
“ “ transportation,	525 00
“ “ salary of superintendent,	350 00
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Total,	\$10,197 64

Paid for teaching,	\$6,165 72
fuel,	471 95
care of houses and cleaning,	358 07
minor repairs,	122 15
incidentals,	299 13
text books and supplies,	508 50
transportation,	620 28
music,	148 75
drawing,	123 75
painting,	194 05
superintendent,	349 99
superintendent on behalf of the State,	312 50
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Total,	\$9,674 84
Unexpended,	522 80

EDW. T. MORSE, Treasurer.

East Bridgewater, Jan. 27, 1896.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee of the town of East Bridgewater :

I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending
Dec. 31, 1895 :

Population of East Bridgewater, Mass. census, 1895, 2,894

Number of schools, 13

“ “ teachers required, 15

“ “ “ employed during year, 31

“ “ “ having normal school training, 23

“ “ pupils in town between the ages of 5 and
14 years, as shown by census of :

May, 1895, 448

“ 1894, 446

“ 1893, 426

Number of children in town between the ages of 8
and 14 years, 286

Number of pupils enrolled on school registers
during year, 523

Number of pupils enrolled between the ages of 8 and
14 years,

Number of pupils enrolled over 15 years, 48

Average membership, 437.66

Average attendance, 419.88

Per cent. of daily attendance, .959

“ “ “ “ “ 1894, .947

Number of visits by truant officers, 13

“ “ truant found, 0

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

When I took charge of the schools of East Bridgewater, in May of last year, I found most of the schools in charge of well-trained and efficient teachers. It was my purpose to retain those teachers in their position, but I regret being obliged to report that, with three exceptions, all have found employment elsewhere.

So many changes have somewhat detracted from the efficiency of the schools, in that they have broken the continuity of the work, and disturbed the relations existing between teachers and pupils. All things being equal, the best results are obtained by those teachers who, thoroughly familiar with their pupils and environments, are enabled to give their entire time to the work of teaching.

Small towns are always at a disadvantage in competing with larger and wealthier communities for the services of teachers. In our immediate vicinity are several towns and one city who pay their teachers minimum salaries of \$450 per year. The committees of these communities insist on experience; they object to placing their schools in the hands of beginners, and the result is that our schools are constantly drawn upon for their best teachers.

Such a state of affairs is unjust, and, I am convinced, furnishes grounds for state interference. We are all citizens of one state, and the education of a child in our smallest town is of equal importance with that of a child in our wealthiest city.

John T. Prince, agent of the State board of education, in his report for 1894, says:

"In view of the fact that a large number of the smaller towns are inclined to accept and to use wisely the assistance which the State offers, the question might be pertinently asked, whether the time has not come to make compulsory

some of the provisions of assistance which are now permissive, and to set a standard of qualifications for teaching which every town of the State must meet. It is true that such requirements would have to be accompanied by financial aid far greater than has been hitherto contemplated; but such aid the State ought to be willing to give, knowing that it is for the benefit of all her citizens. * * * * If the State could adopt a plan by which no teacher should receive less than, let us say, \$500 per year, the interests of the smaller and poorer towns would be protected."

The generosity of the town, at its last meeting, in giving an additional appropriation of \$500 for the payment of better salaries to the teachers, and the resultant action of the committee in raising salaries in the Intermediate and Primary grades is highly appreciated by your superintendent, as it has enabled him to secure better teachers than would otherwise have been possible. Your superintendent is now enabled to offer a teacher \$11 per week for work in the Intermediate grades and \$10 per week in the Primary grades. He is able, therefore, to go into some of the smaller towns and secure trained teachers. It is almost impossible to secure experienced teachers at less than \$10 per week for any grade; it is also undesirable, for the experienced teacher who is willing to work for less than that amount is generally experienced in failure. The increase in salaries also places our teachers beyond the reach of several neighboring towns who have in the past been in the habit of recruiting the ranks of their teachers in East Bridgewater.

I trust that the committee will earnestly recommend that the town take no backward step, but continue its generous appropriation of last year.

The schools of the town are now, for the most part, well

graded. The transportation of the pupils of the Grammar grades to the Center relieves the outlying schools and enables the teachers to do thorough work in the lower grades.

I regret that the cupidity of that foreign corporation, the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co., in doubling the price of tickets between Northville and East Bridgewater, has greatly increased the cost of transportation. I remonstrated, but unsuccessfully, against the increase, being informed that the company had recently adopted a rule that no scholars' tickets should be sold under five cents per ride, the full fare between Northville and East Bridgewater.

READING.

I heartily agree with the suggestion of my predecessor, Mr. R. D. McKeen, that the public library be used as an adjunct to our schools, and I am pleased to be able to report that, under the careful direction of our teachers, its use is steadily increasing. A child never reads, with profit, that in which he is not interested. In the past the valuable and instructive books were generally dry and uninteresting. It is not strange, therefore, that they were but little read by children, and that the bad books, or, at least, the valueless ones, were eagerly sought after. Today, with our most noted scientists and most interesting writers, working especially for children, only wise direction is needed to ensure the general use of good books.

I recommend to the committee the purchase of several sets of supplementary reading books, of which I find the schools in great need.

MUSIC.

Of the work of our teacher in music I cannot speak too highly. Mr. Sawyer is very successful in his dealings, both with teachers and children. For the details of his work, I refer you to his appended report.

MR. GEORGE C. HOWARD, Superintendent of Schools, East Bridgewater, Mass. :

Dear Sir,—In compliance with your request, I have the honor to submit the following report :

There have been radical changes in the methods of instruction, the wisdom of which is already shown by the improved results in many of the schools. These changes have been made with the idea of utilizing in the instruction in music some of the modern methods by which such splendid results have been obtained in other branches.

We cannot expect, nor is the public school the place, to make finished musicians. The instruction that attempts to do this attempts too much. All that can wisely be done in the time allotted to the subject is to give to every pupil a substantial foundation upon which to base more extended, special study, if there is talent to warrant it ; to inspire so much love for the divine art that a desire for this further study will be created : and to educate the taste to discriminate between what is commonplace and what is best in music and in its performance. This is a most important consideration. Much attention is now given to what children read, and the standard is continually being raised, while at the same time, in the same schools, songs are too frequently heard that are in music and words the veriest trash.

We are trying to get from the pupils the right kind of tones ; to teach them to use the voice properly and to sing with intelligence and expression, to read, readily and accurately, music adapted to their mental capacity ; to teach

them to appreciate rhythmic values, and to give them a thorough knowledge of notation.

I do not care to discuss the methods by which we are trying to get these results, preferring to have the committee and the parents become familiar with them by visiting the schools and seeing for themselves what we are doing and how we are doing it. I take this opportunity to cordially invite all who are interested to visit us frequently.

We are much in need of material, and I respectfully suggest and earnestly ask that the committee take into careful consideration the question of purchasing books for the Grammar and Intermediate schools.

Very respectfully,

EDMUND F. SAWYER,

Supervisor of Music.

Boston, Jan. 6, 1896.

DRAWING.

For information as to the progress of our schools in drawing, I refer you to the appended report of the special teacher of that subject, Miss Alice B. Upham :

To the Superintendent of Schools :

Drawing has been a part of your public school system for two terms. We think, considering the length of time, that there is reason to feel encouraged by the results.

In the lower and Grammar grades, although there have been many changes in teachers, the pupils have made good progress. The teachers have earnestly carried out the work planned for them.

We regret that more advanced work cannot be done in the High school. This difficulty might be overcome, in a measure, if the school was divided into two sections. There is more need of individual instruction in this grade

than any other, as the talent and love for drawing develop with the character.

More materials, such as models and casts, are very much needed. Drawing is simply another means of expression, and taken in its broader sense, that is, including form study, leads the pupil to observe, think and create for himself.

We sincerely hope that this subject, which is acknowledged by all leading educators as an important one, may be faithfully carried on and still better results accomplished in the future.

ALICE B. UPHAM.

NATURE STUDY.

Your superintendent does not find himself in favor of the plan now being followed by some educators of overloading the school curriculum with studies that may well be left for individual or mature research. When a pupil cannot tell with certainty what $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{3}$ is, and is hazy as to the exact location of Paris, it is, in my estimation, a waste of time to instruct him as to the number of breathing holes in the body of a butterfly, or the difference between terminal and axillary buds.

Instruction in nature study should be correlated with other subjects. For instance, when studying the Gulf States, I would have the pupils learn as much as possible about the cotton plant and sugar cane, and instruction as to the formation of coal, and how coal and iron are mined, may well be given in the study of the Middle Atlantic States.

While I desire that children should be taught to observe, while I believe that in their walks they should be taught to look for new plants and flowers and should be given their names by their teachers, while I am in sympathy with the use of the knowledge so gained as a basis for much of their work in composition and language, still "nature study"

needs to be watched carefully lest it becomes an end rather than a means and, like the camel in the Arab's tent, crowds out the rightful occupant.

WRITING.

In penmanship the pupils of this town are deficient. The work in all the grades is unsatisfactory. At the last teachers' meeting, I requested the teachers to strive for better results. Especially in the lower grades should there be improvement. That improvement will never come, in my opinion, so long as slates are used in those grades. The average child grasps a slate pencil with great tenacity and scratches his letters INTO, not ON, the surface. The pencil is held so rigidly that freedom of motion is impossible, and stiff and awkward writing is the result.

Paper is now so cheap, costing but 11 cents for a package of 500 sheets, each sheet 8 by 9 inches in dimension, that I believe its substitution for slates would be advisable. It would cost but little more, would lead to an immediate improvement in writing, and would contribute much to the orderliness and quiet of the school room.

I desire to renew the recommendation of Mr. McKeen, that the committee adopt the plan of supplying one room each year with slate blackboards. The blackboards in many of our school-rooms, notwithstanding recent repairs, are in a very bad condition. The cost of re-dressing the boards is a considerable item, yearly, and should, in my judgment, be avoided.

HIGH SCHOOLS.

For information as to the condition of the High school, you are referred to the report of its principal, Mr. Wm. Roscoe Fletcher:

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Jan. 20, 1896.

To Supt. Geo. C. Howard :

I herewith submit the report of the High school for the year ending Dec. 31, 1895 :

With a predetermined course, with no radical departure from the plans of last year, without innovations of moment, there is little for me to say except in the way of recommending, of outlining the policy which I intend to pursue, and of briefly stating what I desire to accomplish during the year.

If I seem to make recommendations outside of my province, it is to be attributed to my desire to further increase the effectiveness of the work.

The recommendations have not been made, in any case, without due consideration of the cost involved and the advantage to be gained.

LABORATORY.

I will repeat the opinion of my predecessor that the "physical and chemical laboratory is entirely inadequate" to the present need, and the coming classes will be larger than the one now pursuing these branches. Former small classes, while needing the facilities, have not felt the existing inconvenience. The necessity and value of experimental work cannot be gainsaid and, although the present condition does not quite preclude such work, yet it must be pursued at a great disadvantage. A portion of the third story of the High school building could be finished for this purpose at no great expense. I strongly recommend that this matter receive your careful consideration.

LATIN.

I recommend that the present course in Latin be changed to include Cornelius Nepos and "Viri Romæ Illustres" for

beginners' reading, leaving out Cæsar entirely, or using it but one term at most.

This arrangement would give a variety of Latin style, thoughtful, interesting reading that would contain not only the means desired, but both the means and the end sought. To quote from the report of the Committee of Fifteen on this subject: "The book (Cæsar) is altogether too difficult for beginners; it is too exclusively military in its contents to be generally interesting; its vocabulary is too largely restricted, from the nature of the subject, to marches, sieges and battles to afford the best introduction to subsequent reading; finally, it touches human life at too few points to be morally helpful and significant."

FRENCH.

A French grammar using the conversational method is desirable to secure the best results most rapidly. Keetel's, now in use, is not sufficiently condensed, and is of questionable arrangement.

PHYSICS.

A less elementary treatise on Physics might be used to advantage.

RANKING.

In order that thoroughness of work may be secured, and in order that those failing to do a fair amount satisfactorily shall not, by lack of preparation, prevent others from doing all that their capacity warrants, I shall disapprove of further conditioning, as its results are already too evident. I shall strictly adhere to an equitable system of ranking, shall submit the results to the committee, and shall strongly recommend that those who fail to pass shall be required to do the work over the succeeding year.

OUTSIDE STUDY.

Less than three hours outside of recitation is too little time for sufficient preparation of lessons. I would impress upon parents the necessity of students applying at least two hours to school work at home. Close application can often equal genius in its results.

Several parents have visited the school, but I would be glad to meet more of them, and oftener. Their suggestions might frequently make our work more effective.

I have planned to devote Friday afternoons entirely to rhetorical and to class work on the reading course in so far as books for the same are available.

We are much indebted to the efforts of previous years for many things which make our work interesting and effective, and hope to add to these by an entertainment during the year.

I am constantly indebted to the superintendent and my assistant for their timely advice and efficient help, to those students whose progress and conduct contain so much of encouragement, and to those students without whose aid the experimental and other work would at times be necessarily slighted.

W. ROSCOE FLETCHER,

Principal High School.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you and the citizens of the town for the cordial assistance given me in the discharge of my duties. Such assistance has made my work very pleasant. I wish, however, that more of the parents would visit the schools and acquaint themselves with the conditions there prevailing. The teacher and the parent should be a

unit in the guidance of the child, and such unity of action can only be gained by consultation and mutual advice.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. HOWARD.

Jan. 15, 1896.

LIST OF TEACHERS.

NAME.	WHEN ELECTED.	SCHOOL AND GRADE.
Ralph A. Sturges	Sept., 1894.	Prin. High.
Wm. Roscoe Fletcher	" 1895.	" "
M. Edna Wakefield	" 1894.	Ass't. "
Pauline C. Melins	" 1895.	" "
E. Florence Jordan	April, 1894.	Prin. Gram., VII., VIII.
Hattie K. Marden	" 1895.	" "
Maud I. Johnson	Sept., 1895.	" "
Alice G. Bourbeau	" 1894.	Asst. "
Angie S. Bowles	" 1895.	" "
Ma Belle Fletcher	April, 1894.	Center Int., IV., V., VI.
Gertrude F. Whitcomb	" 1895.	" "
Myra H. Baker	Sept., 1895.	" "
Myra B. Deasy	" 1894.	North Primary, I., II., III.
Isabelle Ramsdell	" 1895.	" "
Helen Luddy	" 1893.	West Int., IV., V., VI.
Cora B. Crabtree	Nov., 1894.	" Primary, I., II., III.
Julia Mansfield	Mar., 1892.	Beaver Int., IV., V., VI.
Lida A. Boyce	Feb., 1895.	" Prim'y, I., II., III.
Grace Bramhall	May, 1894.	" "
Hattie Hilton	Sept., 1893.	Elmwood Int., IV., V., VI.
Phosie Bradford Peterson	" 1895.	" "
Grace L. Cook	" 1892.	" Pri'y, I., II., III.
Helen W. Safford	" 1895.	" "
Sadie Frost		Satucket, I.—IV.
Nora Whittier		"
Emille Lee Jenkins	" 1895.	"
Ethel Parker	" 1894.	Eastville, I.—IV.
Rachel M. Ferguson	" 1895.	"
Grace M. Libby	" 1894.	Northville, I.—IV.
Gertrude F. Whitcomb	" 1895.	"

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

TOWN OFFICERS

— OF —

EAST BRIDGEWATER

FOR THE YEAR 1896.



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1897.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,
HENRY GURNEY, JOSEPH H. STRONG, SAMUEL C. WHITE.

Town Clerk and Collector of Taxes, FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer, JARVIS BURRELL.

Auditor, N. FRANK DUNPHE.

School Committee, SUSAN MILLET DUNPHE, FANNIE M. SHAW, for three years; EDWARD T. MORSE, RICHARD W. NUTTER, for two years; ALICE R. ALLEN, ROBERT Q. HARRIS, for one year.

Superintendent of Schools, GEORGE C. HOWARD.

Road Commissioners, GEORGE L. CHAMBERLAIN, 3 years;
WALTER G. SMELLIE, 2 years; HERBERT C. KEITH, 1 year.

Board of Health, WM. T. GREENE, 3 years; EZRA S. WHITMARSH, 2 years; ALLAN L. SHIRLEY, M. D., 1 year.

Trustees of Public Library, ALICE E. STRONG, Rev. CLARENCE LATHBURY, 3 years; EDMUND W. NUTTER, MARY H. RUST, 2 years; ISAAC N. NUTTER, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, 1 year.

Constables, CHARLES W. ADAMS, EDWARD E. EDSON, HERBERT EDSON, FRANK M. FISHER, WILLIAM T. GREEN, ADAM R. HUMBLE, WARREN E. KEITH, ROBERT J. MITCHELL, THOMAS S. H. ROUNSEVILLE.

Fence Viewers, EZRA F. SAMPSON, HERBERT EDSON.

Field Drivers, GEORGE W. DUNPHE, AUSTIN R. KNAPP, IRA TROTT.

Town Hall Committee, CHARLES A. MILLS, GEORGE F. LOMBARD.
CORNELIUS L. VOSMUS.

Registrars, FRED. E. FULLER, 3 years; AMOS HUNTING, 2 years,
ARTHUR G. WATERMAN, 1 year; FRANK SMITH, ex-officio clerk;

Fire Engineers, MINOT S. CURTIS, Chief; WARREN K. CHURCHILL,
Clerk; JOSHUA DEAN, LEVI A. BAKER, IRVING HORTON.

Weighers, GEORGE W. ALGER, WILLIAM EDSON, THOMAS H. PERKINS, JOSHUA DEAN.

Surveyors of Lumber, WALTER G. SMELLIE, ARTHUR C. CHURCHILL, JOSHUA DEAN, HOSEA HATHAWAY.

Measurers of Wood, WILLIAM B. HALL, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR,
WARREN K. CHURCHILL.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, ROBERT YOUNG.

Inspector of Meat and Cattle, WM. T. GREEN.

Pound Keeper, HENRY W. SEARS.

Town Physician, DR. WALTER H. ADAMS.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1896.

Schooling proper,	\$6,200 00
School books and supplies,	500 00
Incidentals,	300 00
Superintendent's salary,	350 00
Music,	175 00
Transportation,	525 00
Repairs,	150 00
Painting,	100 00
Stoves, etc.,	200 00
Insurance,	65 00
Highways,	3,000 00
Bridges,	500 00
Sidewalks,	400 00
Snow bills,	300 00
Street lighting,	475 00
Support of poor,	3,000 00
Town officers,	1,300 00
Hydrants,	1,080 00
Central street trough,	25 00
Incidental expenses,	500 00
Fire department,	500 00
Public library,	500 00
Soldier's' relief,	350 00
Police service,	150 00
Memorial day,	100 00
Board of health,	100 00
Sewage cart,	400 00
Hook and ladder,	200 00
Highway survey,	100 00
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	\$21,545 00

TOWN MEETING.

Articles to be acted upon at the annual town meeting, to be held on Monday, March 1, 1897, at one o'clock P. M. :

ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the reports of the town officers and committees.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to pay all town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To adopt some method for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To vote upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"
Yes or No.

ART. 8. To see if the town will take any action under Chap. 296, of Acts of 1895, in relation to width of tires on wheels.

ART. 9. To see if the town will convey its rights in a gravel pit, near the Northville Cemetery to said Cemetery.
[By request.]

ART. 10. To see if the town will accept the way laid out, from West Street past the house of Samuel Shaw and others, as a town way. [By request.]

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to sell that part of the town farm lying upon the south side of Central Street.
[By request.]

ART. 12. To act upon a list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen.

LIABILITIES.

Note to New Bedford Savings Bank,	\$1,000 00
Note given in anticipation of taxes of 1896,	1,500 00
Interest on above notes,	68 01
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	\$2,568 01

ASSETS.

Due from State aid for 1896,	\$1,424 00
“ “ “ Burial of Soldiers,	35 00
“ “ “ Inspection of cattle and meat,	77 45
Uncollected taxes,	673 20
Cash in treasury,	2,428 57

LIST OF JURORS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Allen, James S.,	Ret. Manufac'r	Keith, Herbert C.	Farmer
Allen, George W.,	Salesman	Keith, Samuel,	Bank President
Baxter, William C.,	Machinist	Keith, Zebina,	Retired
Bennett, B. Warren,	Machinist	Latham, A. Harris,	Farmer
Benson, Walter L.,	Stable Keeper	Lothrop, Waldo P.,	Shoemaker
Blanchard, Augustus W.,	Farmer	Paine, Howard,	Machinist
Brown, George E.,	Shoemaker	Parker, Alfred B.,	Machinist
Churchill, Luther,	Farmer	Pratt, Charles W.,	Shoemaker
Churchill, Newton,	Salesman	Porter, F. Wilson,	Machinist
Clark, Charles F.,	Foreman	Rollins, Fred B., Jr.,	Peddler
Curtis, Minot S.,	Painter	Shaw, Lester B.,	Photographer
Delano, Walter E.,	Machinist	Shaw, Samuel,	Ret. Manuf'r
Gurney, David W.,	Farmer	Siddall, Benjamin,	Carpenter
Harris, William T.,	Carpenter	Simmons, George A.,	Carpenter
Howland, George B.,	Carpenter	Taylor, William H.,	Farmer
Joyce, G. W. Nelson,	Shoemaker	Washburn, Noah A.,	Farmer
Jenkins, Zenas A.,	Farmer	Whiting, John M.,	Mason
Keene, William F.,	Farmer	Wood Charles G.,	Farmer
Keith, Frank O.,	Mach'e Operat'r		

REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF
THE POOR.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

We have drawn orders for the following persons, viz. :

STATE AID, CHAP. 301, 1894 :

Irving Bates,	\$20 00
Henry W. Bird,	47 00
Algernon S. Brett,	3 00
Henry Burns,	70 00
Sarah M. Caswell,	48 00
Henry Cook,	36 00
George R. Dyer,	48 00
Hannah S. Dyson,	4 00
William A. Dyson,	36 00
Francis R. Flagg,	30 00
Mary J. Fuller,	12 00
Samuel Gerrard,	12 00
Betsey A. Hale,	24 00

Eliza J. Hamilton,	48 00
Noah T. Harden,	48 00
Edward F. Hassett,	36 00
Lewis B. Hayward,	33 00
Jacob P. Hill,	6 00
Rebecca Hinckley,	48 00
Joshua Hollis,	48 00
Augustus M. Howe,	64 00
Julia H. Howe,	12 00
Clarissa K. Howland,	46 00
Alonzo W. Leach,	4 00
Elisha R. Magoun,	9 00
Henry A. Osborne,	56 00
Nancy W. Pratt,	48 00
Catharine Quigley,	35 00
Nathan Reed,	72 00
William S. Sampson,	60 00
Zenas W. Sturtevant,	44 00
Thankful O. Trow,	24 00
Selden M. Washburn,	47 00
Mariah A. Whitman,	48 00
Abigail K. Winsor,	46 00
	————— \$1,272 00
Due from State,	

MILITARY AID, CHAP. 279, 1894.

Ferender C. Negus,	\$144 00	
Augustus B. Vickery,	88 00	
Joseph M. Whitman,	72 00	
	<hr/>	\$304 00

One-half due from State.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF. CHAP. 447, 1890.

Mrs. Charles Hatch,	\$220 75	
Lewis B. Hayward,	41 25	
Ella F. Wentworth,	144 00	
Eliza C. Worthington,	36 75	
John McAvin,	127 29	
Aug. M. Howe,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$580 04

Appropriation,	\$350 00	
Credit,	41 25	
Overdrawn,	188 79	
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BURIAL OF SOLDIER. CHAP. 395, 1889.

L. Holbrook & Son, burial of Samuel	
Gerrard,	\$ 35 00
Due from State.	

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid for Printing,	\$ 5 50	
Flags,	4 85	
Quartett,	8 00	
Drum Corps,	43 26	
Transportation,	14 00	
Orator,	20 00	
Labor and Flowers,	4 39	
	<hr/>	\$100 00
Appropriation,		\$100 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY,

Paid I. N. Nutter, Treasurer of Trustees,	\$500 00
Appropriation,	500 00

HYDRANT RENTAL.

Paid Bridgewater's Water Co., 36 hydrants,	\$1080 00
Appropriation,	1080 00

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

H. C. Keith, Chm. Road Com., High-ways, etc.,	\$3,861 04
H. C. Keith, Chm. Road Com., Street Lighting,	479 38
H. C. Keith, Chm. Road Com., Snow Bills,	401 98
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	\$4,742 40
Total Appropriation,	\$4,675 00
Overdrawn,	67 40
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	\$4,742 40

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

W. K. Churchill, Treasurer,	\$250 00
M. S. Curtis, Chief Engineer,	150 00
W. K. Churchill, Treasurer,	100 00
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	\$600 00
Unexpended,	100 00
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	\$700 00
Appropriation,	700 00

CENTRAL STREET TROUGH.

Paid Geo. L. Chamberlain, labor,	\$ 2 50	
A. Everett Howe, labor and material,	5 50	
Bridgewater's Water Co., water rent,	19 54	
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		\$27 54
Appropriation,	\$25 00	
Overdrawn,	2 54	
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		\$27 54

SEWAGE CART, ETC.

Paid Odorless Excavating Co.,	\$105 13	
F. A. Quimby,	5 26	
City of Brockton,	200 00	
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		\$310 39
Unexpended,		89 61
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Appropriation,		\$400 00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Geo. S. Whippie, burying dogs,	\$4 00	
Wm. H. Gaffney, burying hog,	1 00	
Geo. Hunt, M. D., services,	1 00	
Frank Smith, supplies, etc.,	12 00	
E. S. Whitmarsh, paid for cart,	45	
“ “ insurance,	6 00	
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		\$24 45
Unexpended,		75 55
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Appropriation,		\$100 00

POLICE SERVICE.

Paid Robert J. Mitchell,	\$100 80	
Frank M. Fisher,	15 00	
Edward E. Edson,	10 50	
Wm. T. Greene,	3 00	
T. S. H. Rounseville,	16 55	
	<hr/>	\$145 85
Unexpended,		4 15
Appropriation,		150 00

BEDFORD STREET SURVEY.

Paid Percival M. Churchill, survey and plan,	\$100 00
Appropriation,	100 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

John Hobart, old cemetery,	\$ 6 70
Fred. Hallett & Co., printing town reports,	80 10
D. W. Gurney, distributing reports,	5 00
E. B. Savings Bank, rent of office,	150 00
Geo. M. Webber, repairing Satucket trough,	11 27
“ “ “ “ Elm street “	40 70
G. L. Chamberlain, “ “ “ “	12 00
“ “ “ “ Satucket “	2 50
Jarvis Burrell, postals, printing, etc.,	50 75
Town of Hanson, tax,	24
L. E. Chamberlain, legal advice,	3 00
Herman Leonard, Plymouth street well,	1 30
Carver Cotton Gin Co., “ “ “	1 66
Geo. F. Lombard, labor on booths,	3 00
Brockton Times, advertising reward,	1 86
Joseph H. Strong, postage,	50

Samuel C. White, distributing reports,	4 50	
“ “ “ R. R. fare and horse,	2 30	
	<hr/>	6 80
H. Gurney, R. R. fare,	18 31	
“ “ horse,	7 50	
“ “ “ cash paid,	7 00	
“ “ postage,	1 94	
	<hr/>	34 75
Edward T. Morse, R. R. fare,		3 60
George Hunt, M. D., return of births,		2 00
W. H. Adams, M. D., “ “ “		3 00
C. E. Lovell, M. D., “ “ “		75
A. L. Shirley, M. D., “ “ “		8 25
F. S. Howard “ “ deaths,		1 50
W. Prophett & Son, “ “ “		2 75
C. L. McCann, “ “ “		75
Howard Clark & Co., “ “ “		1 75
L. Holbrook & Son, “ “ “		5 00
Alger & Co., expressing,		75
Satucket Trough, balance on water,		2 00
Zebina Keith, rent of lot on Union street,		10 00
F. M. Shaw, writing,		20 00
Benj. Siddall, rep. ballot box,	75	
“ “ care of office,	12 00	
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		\$486 98
Unexpended,		13 02
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Appropriation,		\$500 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Victor W. Keith, services as teller, March 3,	\$ 1 00
N. Frank Dunphe, " " auditor,	15 00
Wm. T. Green, " " inspector of meats, etc.,	205 25
" " " " on board of health,	47 00
Walter H. Adams, " as town physician,	100 00
Joseph H. Strong, " " selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	58 91
Henry Gurney, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	228 74
Sam'l C. White, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	82 75
Frank O. Keith, services as teller, Nov. 3,	2 75
Lyman R. Allen " " " "	2 75
Thos. E. Luddy, " " " "	2 75
Harry S. Hatch, " " " "	2 75
Edward E. Edson, " " ballot clerk, Nov. 3,	2 50
M. H. Lyons, " " " " "	2 50
H. L. Waterman, " " " " "	2 50
Geo. M. Churchill, " " " " "	2 50
Fred. E. Fuller, " " registrar,	15 00
Amos Hunting, " " " "	15 00
A. G. Waterman, " " " "	15 00
Jarvis Burrell, " " treasurer,	150 00
Benj. Siddall, " " constable post warrant,	6 00
Frank M. Fisher, " " " " "	6 00
Edward E. Edson, " " " " "	6 00
Edward T. Morse, " " treas. of school com.,	20 00
T. S. H. Rounseville, services as truant officer,	6 30
E. S. Whitmarsh, " " justice of the peace,	3 00
" " " " on board of health,	16 75
A. L. Shirley, M. D., " " " " "	47 50

Frank Smith, services as town clerk,	\$104 55	
“ “ “ “ collector of taxes,	247 81	
	<u>352 36</u>	
		\$1,418 56
Overdrawn,	118 56	
Appropriation,	1,300 00	
	<u>\$1,418 56</u>	
There is due from the State on account of inspection of cattle and meat,		\$77 45

TRUST FUNDS.

LATHAM FUND.

Amount of Fund,		\$500 00
Interest, Jan. 1st, 1896,	\$ 6 79	
Interest for year 1896,	20 20	
	<u>\$26 99</u>	
Paid E. Latham, trimming hedge,	\$4 00	
Bridgewater's Water Co.,	22 99	
	<u>\$26 99</u>	

ALDEN FUND.

Amount of Fund,		\$2,624 90
Interest, Jan. 1, 1896,	131 88	
“ for year 1896,	92 95	
	<u>224 83</u>	
Disbursed during year,		165 00

CROSSMAN AND WHITMAN FUND.

Amount of Fund,	\$2,000 00
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By order of the Bank Commissioners, we were directed to again change our deposit. We have, therefore, taken this fund from the Abington Savings Bank and deposited

the same in the Plymouth Five Cent Savings Bank. Owing to this change a part of the interest was not available for use as usual. We have expended \$60 for the purchase of crushed stone, which the town has put upon the road at its expense. We hope to be able to do much more the coming year.

JOHNSON FUND.

Amount of Fund,	\$1,500 00
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The interest of which is drawn by Treasurer and paid to Trustees of Public Library.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT FUND.

Amount in bank, Jan. 1st, 1896,	164 93
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Interest for year,	6 64
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Amount in bank, Jan. 1st, 1897,	171 57
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ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Value of real estate taxed,	\$1,180,731 00
“ “ personal estate taxed,	246,073 00
No. of polls taxed,	872
Town grants,	\$21,545 00
County tax,	2,193 84
State tax,	1,155 00
Grade Crossing,	421 24
Interest on do.,	50 54
Town Debt,	2,000 00
	<hr/> \$27,365 62
Less est. from State,	2,500 00
	<hr/> \$24,865 62
Overlayings,	420 64
	<hr/> \$25,286 26
Rate of taxation, \$16.50 per \$1,000.	
Tax on \$1,180,731 Real,	\$19,482 06
“ 246,073 Personal,	4,00 620
“ 872 Polls, \$2 each,	1,744 00
	<hr/> \$25,286 26
Loss by fractions,	\$ 2 04
Tax committed,	25,284 22
	<hr/> \$25,286 26
Subsequently assessed,	3 65
	<hr/> \$25,289 91
Total Commitment,	
No. of houses in town,	667
No. of acres of land in town,	9,370

Assessed value of buildings,	\$808,026 00
“ “ “ land,	372,705 00
No. of horses taxed,	422
“ “ cows,	471
“ “ other neat cattle,	58
“ “ swine,	70
“ “ fowls,	2,043
“ “ exemptions,	49
Exempted on buildings,	\$19,455 00
“ “ land,	6,403 00
Resident individuals taxed,	961
Others taxed,	75
Non-resident individuals taxed,	820
Others taxed,	35
Assessed on property,	1,891
poll only,	292
Total number taxed,	2,183

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Charles L. Seaver, overtaxed,	\$ 1 65
H. A. Grow, est. of, exemption,	8 25
Josephine E. Hobart, “	8 25
Sarah R. Hobart, “	8 25
Sarah B. Wilkinson, overtaxed,	4 17
James. A. Shaw, unable to pay,	14 95
Elisha R. Magoun, “ “ “	10 00
Henry W. Bird, “ “ “	5 54
Cephas Washburn, overtaxed,	2 06
I. N. Nutter, executor est. of C. A. Latham, not taxable,	12 76
Frank Smith, collector, tax of 1895,	7 54
“ “ “ “ “ 1896,	109 45
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	\$192 87

DEPARTMENT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

For several years past the State authorities have desired that certain changes should be made at the almshouse, so that the sexes should be separated, and the proposed sanitary arrangements might be perfected.

There being some timber upon the farm, which it was desirable to cut, and the past season offered a good opportunity to dispose of the lumber, we concluded to make the proposed improvements, at the following expense :

Paid H. Worcester, labor,	\$ 8 95	
“ Geo. L. Chamberlain, labor,	10 00	
“ A. Everett Howe, labor,	15 49	
“ Geo. M. Webber, cement, etc.,	31 44	
“ “ “ “ contract,	185 00	
“ “ “ “ ex. labor, etc.,	19 99	
“ Joshua Dean, lumber,	67 88	
“ Geo. B. Howland, labor,	67 25	
“ J. M. Whiting, labor,	26 75	
	<hr/>	\$432 75

WOOD AND TIMBER CUT ON FARM.

Paid Orace Washburn, cutting and cart- ing logs,	\$191 52	
“ Orace Washburn, cutting wood,	59 62	
“ W. K. Churchill, surveying wood,	1 00	
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		\$684 89

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Rec'd of H. Hobart, 85,122 ft. box		
board logs,	\$532	01
“ “ J. T. Hathaway, 54 cords wood,	84	69
Delivered at tramp house, 3 cords,	9	00
	<hr/>	625 70
Balance against the town,		<hr/> \$59 19

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid A. Hunting, groceries,	\$232	89
E. N. Ward, meat,	138	29
J. Dean, coal,	70	93
“ “ grain,	158	97
J. T. Hatch, labor on hay,	84	00
“ “ “ “ manure,	21	00
H. Gurney, fertilizer,	18	50
H. Hathaway, ice,	35	00
F. E. Fuller & Co., supplies,	10	25
E. S. Whitmarsh, clothing,	9	50
G. M. Webber, hardware, paint, etc.,	62	56
“ “ “ repairing furnace, etc.,	20	00
G. B. Howland, repairs,	4	75
J. M. Whiting, “	2	25
Expenses G. W. Osborne to hospital,	3	50
H. W. Sears, salary,	425	00
	<hr/>	\$1,297 39

CR.

By board of H. A. Morrison, Montague,	\$	10	28
Joanna Britton, Marlboro,		3	43
Lizzie Bates, Whitman,		72	37
L. B. Hayward, Sol. relief,		41	25
By cash paid treasurer,		110	00
	<hr/>		\$237 33
Net expense at Almshouse,			<hr/> \$1,060 06

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

Cash on hand, January 1, 1896,	\$ 2 19	
Received for cream and milk,	99 48	
hay,	81 29	
use of bull,	22 00	
veal calves,	33 70	
pork,	30 50	
eggs,	12 53	
board of F. A. Ramsdell,	32 14	
dinners,	55	
	<hr/>	314 38

CR.

Paid for fish,	\$ 16 59	
meat,	2 44	
bread,	9 10	
fruit and vegetables,	5 95	
groceries,	7 36	
sundry supplies,	5 31	
clothing,	12 95	
paper,	3 53	
painting,	38 39	
cutting wood,	13 00	
ploughing,	5 00	
butchering,	6 00	
blacksmithing,	27 27	
repairs,	3 25	
chickens,	1 55	
bull,	18 00	
pigs,	10 00	
Paid to treasurer,	110 00	
Dec. 31st, cash on hand,	18 69	
	<hr/>	\$314 38

PRESENT INMATES.

	Age.	Admitted.
Sybil P. Dunbar,	64	1879
Rebecca Cummings,	82	July 1, 1884
Philetta Washburn,	64	May 7, 1890
George W. Osborne,	38	Aug. 6, 1892
Jotham C. Pratt,	76	Jan. 5, 1894
Michael Winn,	—	June 1, 1894
Elizabeth Bates,	24	July 12, 1896
Lizzie W. Bates,		born Oct. 29, 1896
Nicholas Wade,	73	Nov. 13, 1896
Total number of inmates during year,		9
Average for year,		6 7-10
Number January 1, 1897,		9
Cost per week,		\$3.09

OUTSIDE SUPPORT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
Support of Albion L. Ramsdell,	\$12 54
Medfield Insane Asylum,	
Support of Robert Washburn,	98 00
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	
Support of Robert Washburn,	56 18
" " Clara Washburn,	169 92
Westboro Insane Asylum,	
Support of Hannah Clarity,	169 94
Worcester Insane Asylum,	
Support of Ellen A. Edson,	169 93
" " Catharine Rogers,	169 93
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	\$846 44

OUTSIDE AID.

A. L. Shirley, M. D., atten. A. Drysdale,	\$ 4 00
W. H. Adams, " " "	50 00
" " " " Chas. E. Fisher,	6 00
" " " " Mrs. Rosa Hicks,	10 00
" " " " " Lizzie Bates,	10 00
" " " " " M. A. E. Atwood,	4 00
A. Hunting, groceries, H. G. Leonard, etc.,	6 00
Thomas Nolan, burial Patrick White,	15 00
Geo. A. Clift, groceries, Aug. L. Goodwin,	3 00
Martha A. Hayford, gro., " "	2 00
Jessie G. Moore, aid Mrs. Atwood,	11 40
City of Brockton, aid Mrs. Bunker,	157 89
" " aid John C. Underwood,	28 81
N. S. Perkins, aid Nathaniel Perkins,	78 00
Sarah J. Mowry, aid Laura Washburn,	83 00
J. H. Sears, aid Mrs. Tuck and children,	130 00
Susan E. Dunbar, aid self and children,	156 00
Minnie W. Porter, aid self and children,	129 82
Julia A. Reed, aid self and children,	126 55
Town of Whitman, aid Alonzo A. Pratt,	50 18
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	\$1,056 65

TRAMP HOUSE.

Paid D. W. Gurney, wood,	\$ 13 00
G. M. Webber, supplies,	9 65
Joshua Dean, lumber,	5 50
Geo. F. Lombard, labor,	3 75
T. S. H. Rounseville, care 837 tramps,	256 75
" " cash for oil, etc.,	4 84
Wood from town,	9 00
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	\$302 49
Cost for 837 Tramps, 36 cts. each.	
Total,	\$2,205 58

CR.

Received from City of Taunton,	\$ 10 00	
Marlboro,	4 30	
Town of Montague,	3 87	
Raynham,	130 00	
W. Bridgewater,	162 00	
Hanson,	11 40	
Whitman,	15 00	
State,	69 00	
	-----	405 57
Net cost Outside of Almshouse,		<u>\$1,800 01</u>

SUMMARY.

State Aid,	\$1,268 00
Military Aid,	304 00
Soldiers' Relief,	538 79
Burial of Soldier,	35 00
Memorial Day,	100 00
Public Library,	500 00
Fire Department,	600 00
Hydrant Rental,	1,080 00
Central St. Trough,	27 54
Road Commissioners,	4,742 40
Town Officers,	1,418 56
Incidental Expenses,	486 98
Board of Health,	24 45
Sewage Cart, etc.,	310 39
Police Service,	145 85
Survey of Bedford St.,	100 00
Almshouse Account,	1,985 74
Outside Support,	846 44

Outside Aid,	1,061 65
Tramp House,	293 49
Abatement of Taxes,	192 87
	————— \$16,062 15

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY GURNEY,
JOSEPH H. STRONG,
SAMUEL C. WHITE,

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

We have paid for labor and material on highways, bridges and sidewalks :

Paid James Roach,	\$227 55
Dennis Curran,	5 43
William Green,	57 27
John B. Shepard,	57 44
John Burgess,	5 00
William L. White,	52 19
Walter L. Benson,	51 36
George Geary,	75 35
Thomas Maguire,	82 33
George Smith,	58 78
Patrick Luddy,	62 52
Walter G. Smellie,	435 67
James Morey,	69 42
Thomas O'Brien,	140 87
George M. Webber,	66 24
Timothy Murphy,	91 39
William T. Green,	93 57
George W. Folson,	41 64
D. W. Gurney,	63 38
Nazaire Thibeault,	1 75
Patrick Barrett,	127 56
George L. Chamberlain,	268 70
George Sites,	7 00
George Sites, Jr.,	37 54
Everet Howe,	28 48
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.,	25
Ames Plow Co.,	15 57

Paid Albert Bates,	\$ 15 55
Herbert C. Keith,	462 93
Eugene F. Pratt,	117 74
Fred L. Keith,	11 45
Galen Willis,	146 43
F. C. Nutter,	2 00
W. E. Bonney,	3 25
Joshua Dean,	78 69
Herbert Edson,	7 46
N. Mondoux,	12 50
George W. Alger,	40 00
F. A. Quimby,	7 01
Eugene F. Keith,	3 19
William G. Ramsdell,	7 00
Thomas Timmons,	8 75
John Beale,	526 86
Isaac T. Hatch,	8 28
Jarvis Burrell,	1 50
George B. Howland,	1 75
Samuel Keith,	12 60
Mrs. A. T. White,	20 05
E. T. Ellis,	5 30
Patrick Welch,	15 11
William B. Chamberlain,	65 68
Minot S. Curtis,	25 95
A. G. Foreman,	1 75
Estate of H. L. Alden,	1 00
Horace Worcester,	2 67
Mathew Wilder,	6 80
A. W. Blanchard,	10 32
Henry F. Blanchard,	3 50
E. L. Clark,	1 00
William Hulsart,	2 33

Paid Fred. Sturtevant,	.39	
	<hr/>	\$3,861 04

From the above amount we have paid on account of
Bridges and Sidewalks :

Railing on Sampson Street :		
Paid Joshua Dean for plank and spikes,	\$3 33	
Herbert Edson, for posts,	2 20	
for labor,	2 63	
	<hr/>	\$ 8 16

Planking Latham's Bridge :		
Paid Joshua Dean for planks and spikes,	\$44 51	
for labor,	8 25	
	<hr/>	52 76

Planking Robbin's Pond Bridge :		
Paid Joshua Dean for planks and spikes,	\$23 40	
for labor,	4 25	
	<hr/>	27 65

Repairing Clark's Bridge :		
Paid Joshua Dean for lumber,	\$6 70	
for labor,	5 25	
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Repairing Bridge near George Wright's,	3 00
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Repairing Culvert on Bedford Street :		
Paid G. M. Webber for tile,	5 04	
F. A. Quimby for grate,	4 50	
for stone and gravel,	3 00	
for labor,	16 00	
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Repairing Culvert on corner of West and Bedford Streets :		
Paid G. M. Webber for tile,	\$2 08	
for labor,	3 00	
	<hr/>	5 08

Paid repairing culvert on Plymouth St.,	\$ 9 00	
“ “ “ Whitman “	20 00	
“ “ “ Pearl “	2 00	
“ “ “ Water “	3 50	
“ 2 culverts “ Cook “	10 00	
“ 2 “ “ Washington St.,	15 50	
“ 2 “ “ Spring St.,	9 00	
	<hr/>	69 00
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		\$206 14

SIDEWALKS.

Expended on West street,	\$51 48	
“ “ Central street,	64 23	
“ “ Union “	58 61	
“ “ Bedford “	30 73	
“ “ Washington street,	60 00	
“ “ Pleasant “	25 00	
“ “ Pearl “	6 00	
“ “ Plymouth “	55 00	
“ “ Whitman “	12 00	
“ “ Church Common Junction,	17 00	
	<hr/>	\$380 50

Clearing streets and sidewalks of snow :

Paid Patrick Murphy,	\$ 3 20
W. L. Benson,	15 40
H. C. Keith,	22 70
John L. Eastman,	17 40
Geo. L. Chamberlain,	16 25
Roger Carr,	2 80
Thomas O'Brien,	9 60
Patrick Luddy,	8 00
Frank W. Keith,	1 50
E. L. Clark,	22 20

Paid Patrick Barrett,	\$12 40
Dennis Curran,	16 20
James Roach,	40 10
Patrick Welch,	1 00
William Green,	1 70
John Burgess,	10 20
William Wolschendorf,	1 20
W. F. Keene,	17 80
Bartley Curran,	18 80
Isaac T. Hatch,	27 55
Austin Washburn,	9 40
D. W. Gurney,	6 40
A. B. Blake,	40 00
G. M. Webber,	2 35
G. D. Stedman,	2 80
Will B. Mosher,	80
Fred L. Keith,	1 40
W. G. Smellie,	6 28
Edwin J. Brown,	1 20
James McHugh,	80
James McGrath,	5 40
George Smith,	5 80
George McDermott,	2 20
George B. Howland,	2 00
Andy Dwyer,	1 80
C. S. Whitman,	2 45
James Fitzgerald,	5 40
Chas. Fisher,	40
George French,	4 50
James Dillon,	1 80
Patrick Foley,	5 80
George Sites, Jr.,	7 80
William B. Chamberlain,	2 40

James Cunningham,	80	
George Sturtevant,	5 20	
J. J. Dobby,	4 30	
J. H. Morey,	1 60	
Everett Howe,	2 70	
D. H. Gurney,	2 20	
	— —	\$401 98

STREET LIGHTING.

Paid Frank L. Gannett,	\$ 6 75	
J. Sumner Knapp,	48 00	
Amos Hunting,	120 46	
Eugene F. Keith,	56 05	
James Roach,	155 20	
Minot S. Curtis,	34 20	
S. H. Rich,	6 85	
G. M. Webber,	45 62	
H. C. Keith,	2 50	
Clifford T. Ward,	3 75	
	— — — —	\$479 38

SUMMARY.

Appropriation, highways,	\$3,000 00	
“ bridges and culverts,	500 00	
“ sidewalks,	400 00	
“ removing snow,	300 00	
“ street lighting,	475 00	
	— — — —	4,675 00
Expended on highways,	\$3,274 85	
“ “ bridges and culverts,	206 14	
“ “ sidewalks,	380 05	

Expended on removing snow,	\$ 401 98	
“ “ street lighting,	479 38	
	<hr/>	\$4,742 40
Exceeded appropriation,		\$67 40

HERBERT C. KEITH,
 GEO. L. CHAMBERLAIN,
 WALTER G. SMELLIE,

Road Commissioners.

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

Expended :		
Paid each company, \$50,		\$100 00
janitor service,		54 10
Estabrook, 2 copies fire laws,		2 00
M. S. Curtis, painting, etc.,		42 85
J. Dean, coal,		23 51
Knight & Thomas, extinguisher,		22 00
N. Mondeaux, truck,		150 00
W. E. Bonney, labor,		1 00
F. A. Quimby, repairs,		1 85
Moulton & Co., ladders,		33 00
G. W. Alger, coal,		7 75
Rollins, repairs on buckets, etc.,		17 95
I. Horton, labor,		7 60
W. K. Churchill, sundries,		12 38
W. L. Benson, use of team,		10 00
Alger & Co., express,		2 00
Central Market, oil,		3 15
services at woods fires,		113 34
“ “ house,		4 50
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		\$608 98
January 1, 1896, cash on hand,	\$ 11 72	
Appropriation,	700 00	
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Amount available,		\$711 72
Cash on hand,	\$ 2 74	
Expended,	608 98	
Not drawn,	100 00	
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		\$711 72

W. K. CHURCHILL, Clerk.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF CATTLE AND MEAT.

Since my last report there has been no particular change in the law relating to the inspection of cattle.

I began the inspection this year about the time the cattle came to the barn, and found eleven animals which proved to be tuberculous; they were killed as directed by the cattle commissioners.

Before the inspection was completed, an order came from the commission to wait the further inspection of cattle until I received notice from them to continue the same.

The inspection at the slaughter houses to be in force as before.

We have four licensed slaughter houses. The animals slaughtered there have all proved to be in a healthy condition, excepting three neat cattle and one swine.

The carcasses of these tuberculous animals were all buried in my presence.

W. T. GREENE, Inspector.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Four regular meetings of the Board of Health were held during the past year, one partially attended. Frequently two of the members met, informally, at other times.

There were twelve cases of Scarlet Fever, in town during the year, and members of four other families seemed likely to suffer from the same disease, but later their maladies proved of a less serious character. The proper fumigation followed in every instance, and the spread of the disease was thereby prevented. The Elmwood school house was also fumigated and all suspicious books in the building burned. One other school house in town, was visited and examined as to its sanitary condition.

Several nuisances were reported during the year and corrected.

In accordance with the appropriation which was made, at the last town meeting, the Board has purchased a sewage cart, pump and pump wagon, with the proper fixtures. As the city of Brockton had been building sewers, and was thus left with a surplus of this sort of apparatus on her hands, we were enabled to purchase from her, all but the fixtures at about one-third their original cost. There is a cheaper pump made than the one we procured, but it is much less durable than that one, as well as being much less useful. As such sewage apparatus, as we now own, is very expensive when new, and as this which we have purchased will last, with proper usage, for many years, we feel, in behalf of the town, very fortunate in the bargain which we have made. The only weak point in this apparatus, is one

unsound stave in the top of the tank on the sewage cart. This has been repaired and will not interfere with its usefulness for a long time, and when it does give out, the tank can be replaced by a new one, at a cost of about twenty-five dollars.

There are but twenty cess-pools in town, and the Board will direct that others be built, at necessary points, in the spring, eight or ten of these pools are already emptied in the proper manner, by the cart provided for the purpose. The owners of the other pools have not, as yet, seen fit to empty them by the approved method, but, at any time when these places become a nuisance to those living in their vicinity, and are reported as such, then the Board will be obliged to insist that said pools be emptied by the apparatus which it has provided, or in such a manner, and by such means, as shall meet with its approbation.

The Inspector of Cattle has reported to the Board of Health all quarantines, and in all cases where disease has been present, specimens of the diseased parts have been displayed before the Board, and in a few cases where dissatisfaction has existed on the part of the owners of the animals the State Board has been referred to, has made analyses of the diseased tissues and has sustained the decision of the local Board.

The Board of Health recommends the appropriation of fifty dollars for its use next year.

A. L. SHIRLEY,

E. S. WHITMARSH,

W. T. GREENE,

Board of Health of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

BIRTHS.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 2	Bernadine Ezetta Collins	William H. and Ida M.
" 9	Hannah Maria Quill	Timothy and Hannah.
" 12	Margaret Clinton Hobart	Elwin and Kate S.
" 24	Nazaire Arthur Thibeault	Nazaire and Marie.
Feb. 24	Esther Boynton Paine	Howard W. and Mary.
" 25	Forest Esmond Sampson	Elmer and Jennie.
" 25	Marie Albine Tardie	Moses F. and Emma.
Mar. 11	Leon Louis Seymour	Silver and Marie.
" 12	Joseph Lewis LeClaire	Alixia and Marie L.
" 23	Bertrand Stetson Gardner	Wm. C. and Celestia E.
" 24	Cora May Sandridge	George W. and Annie L.
Apr. 4	Raymond Brown	Edwin J. and Clara J.
" 5	Rauzella May Rollins	Charles L. and Minerva.
" 6	——— Miller	Ellsworth F. and Irene L.
" 20	Winona Etta Packard	Walter E. and Etta E.
" 21	Minnie Agnes Parker	Michael and Minnie A.
" 24	Charles Herbert Baxter	Wm. C. and Margaret.
" 30	Joseph John Bonchard	Joseph and Adeline.
May 4	Richard Henry Dunphe	George W. and Alice G.
" 18	Julia Alice Benson	Wm. F. and Josephine A.
" 28	Emily Crocker	Joseph and Eliza J.
" 30	Marion Louise Beals	(Illegitimate) Ellen Beals.
June 14	Sarah Elizabeth Smith	George H. and Matilda J.
" 27	Joseph Francis Dupuy, Jr	Joseph F. and Marie C.
" 28	Mabel Frances Thompson	Francis W. and Clara M.
July 1	William Leroy Martin	Willard and Elizabeth.
" 3	Grace Fuller Alexander	John K. and Mary E.
" 28	Ruth Williams Bowditch	Roger W and Mary W.
" 29	Ellen Elizabeth Dobby	James J. and Mary.
Aug. 1	Ernestine May Gardner	Edgar A. and Alice D.
" 2	Alice Holmes Pratt	Eugene F. and Lydia H.
" 4	Harold Martin Young	Fred M. and Florence M.
" 8	——— Hicks	Albert C. and Rosa I.
" 20	Frederic Medbury Bouldry	Thaddens M. and Mary E.
" 22	Marion Louise Brown	Louis E. and Elizabeth C.
" 30	——— Bonney	George E. and Susan F.
Sept. 2	Marlene Lathbury Andrews	M. Lloyd and Sophia L.
" 6	Warren Jennings Wright	Elmer E. and Abbie L.
" 16	Ruth Kathleen Howe	Augustus E. and Dora R.
" 17	Forrest S. Churchill	William F. and Ethel M.
" 18	Harry Standish Hatch	Harry S. and Christi'a M.

BIRTHS, CONTINUED.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
" 24	Edward John Kenneally	Edward J. and Mary.
" 27	Mildred Winslow Bradford	Frank A. and Jessie A.
Oct. 9	Fred Lothrop Higgins	Matthew S. and Hattie L.
" 12	George Arthur LeValley	Arthur H. and Nellie G.
" 20	Helen Russell Adam	George and Abbie A.
" 21	John Joseph Kingston	Joseph J. and Alice A.
" 22	Azalie McCormack	George E. and Ella B.
" 25	Marguerite Hassett Dorey	Micha'l L. and Marga't P.
" 27	Thomas James Crowley	Patrick H. and Annie.
" 29	Lizzie Wilson Bates	(Illegitimate) Elizabeth Bates
" 30	Frederic John Williams	David and Mary A.
Nov. 15	Marie Albeno Bargerion	Joseph J. A. and Marie E.
" 23	Helen Judkins	Walter V. and Emma F.
Dec. 5	Alice Latham	Fred. A. and Lucy F.
" 27	James Peter Kaveney	John H. and Norah.
" 30	(Still Born) Sampson	Elmer and Jennie.
Nov. 21	——— Clark	Charles H. and Eliza B.
May 31	Alton Stanley Gilman	Harris A. and Rosa L.
1895.		
May 28	Emma Caroline Dobby	James J. and Mary.

Whole number of births in 1896, 59.

FRANK SMITH, Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES.

Thirty marriages have been recorded in the town of East Bridgewater for the year 1896.

Date of Marriage.

Name of Groom, Bride and Residence.

1896.

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|------|-----|---|
| Jan. | 1. | Frank P. Maguire of East Bridgewater, and
Nellie McAnagh of West Bridgewater, by
Rev. W. E. Kelley. |
| | 14. | Michael Parker and Mary Barrett, both of East
Bridgewater, by
Rev. W. E. Kelley. |
| Feb. | 3. | Elgar A. Gardner of East Bridgewater, and
Alice D. Raymond of Abington, by
Rev. J. W. Quimby. |
| | 12. | Michael Hennessey, Jr. and Mary F. Murphy,
both of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. D. H. Riley. |
| | 12. | John Kaveney and Norah Downey, both of
East Bridgewater, by
Rev. W. E. Kelley. |
| Mar. | 6. | Alfred Lawson and Erma Newton, both of East
Bridgewater, by
Rev. M. B. Wilson. |

15. Asa W. Stetson and Ada L. Brown, both of
East Bridgewater, by
Rev. Aura L. Gerrish.
22. William F. Churchill and Ethel M. Soper, both
of East Bridgewater, by,
Rev. F. H. Palmer.
- Apr. 21. William H. N. Francis of Boston, and Aimee
E. Harden, of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. J. W. Quinby.
29. Dennis J. Driscoll of East Bridgewater, and
Elizabeth McDonald of Uxbridge, by
Rev. T. J. Sullivan.
- June 25. Frank Winn, Jr. and Bridget Costello, both of
East Bridgewater, by
Rev. J. F. James.
27. John H. Kenneally and Mary Donney, both of
East Bridgewater, by
Rev. W. E. Kelley.
- July 1. Frank P. Sullivan of Brockton, and Mary S.
Rogers of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. J. F. James.
2. J. Henry Goulding of Whitman, and Helen A.
Buffum of Hanson, by
Rev. J. W. Quinby.
4. Levi A. Baker of East Bridgewater, and Mary
J. Meadon of Kingston, by
Rev. C. L. Pierce.
22. George A. Burrell and Louise M. Keith, both
of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. J. W. Quinby.

- Sept. 5. Walter E. Packard of East Bridgewater and
Gertrude L. Jones of Brockton, by
Rev. M. B. Wilson.
22. William H. Gott of Brockton and Hattie I.
Clarke of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. F. H. Palmer.
- Oct. 1. Patrick Swift and Nellie O'Brien, both of East
Bridgewater, by
Rev. W. E. Kelley.
12. Warren E. Steinhour and Louisa J. Marine,
both of East Bridgewater, by
B. W. Keith, justice of peace.
14. Herbert W. Paine of East Bridgewater, and
Helen W. Safford of Milton, by
Rev. G. W. Brooks.
15. Cornelius Dahill and Mary McGrath, both of
East Bridgewater, by
Rev. W. E. Kelley.
21. Edward A. Pendleton of Hanson, and Harriet
A. Vosmus of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. J. W. Quinby.
21. Zenas A. Jenkins and Lota M. Thompson, both
of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. P. M. Griffin.
25. Abram C. Wright and Hattie M. Knapp, both
of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Nov. 17. Herbert T. Harding, of East Bridgewater, and
Alice M. Fairbanks of Whitman, by
Rev. F. H. Hunnewell.

26. Pedro Neves Souza of Brockton and Annie G.
Souza of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. C. F. Hennessey.
30. James K. Brett of East Bridgewater, and
Alberta B. Brooks of Brockton, by
Rev. Clarence Lathbury.
- Dec. 26. Joseph F. Mello of West Bridgewater, and
Mary F. Currier of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. D. H. Riley.
- Oct. 28. Fred A. Aldridge and Nellie F. Sumner, both
of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. Frederick Edwards.

FRANK SMITH, Town Clerk.

DEATHS.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH
		Y	M	D	
1896.					
Jan. 6	Martin Sumner	83			Cystitis
" 6	Catherine Desmond	72			Heart Disease
" 8	Theodore Hobart	74	7	12	Apoplexy
" 17	Ellen S. Stevens	52		20	Cancer
" 19	Sarah H. Loomis	84	7	7	Cholesteremia
" 19	Elizabeth C. Young	67	8	19	Paralysis
Feb. 3	Charles W. Siddall	67	8	1	Pethesis Pulmonalis
" 11	Mary T. Hobart	70	9	19	Cerebral Embolism
" 15	Louisa H. Moore	62		2	Mitral Disease of Heart
" 22	Susan W. Bennett	89	5	16	Heart Disease
" 24	Henry A. Grow	68	4	12	Mitral Disease of Heart
" 25	Damaris P. Torrey	74	4	26	Heart Disease
" 25	Benjamin T. Baker	50	10	15	Cirrhosis of Liver
" 25	Joseph A. Little	2		2	Catarrhal Pneumonia
" 28	Sophia A. Phillips	71	8	12	Pneumonia
Mar. 14	Everett A. Knapp		3	21	Lack of Vitality
" 15	Diantha Whitmarsh	76	1	19	Marasmus Senile
" 16	Harriet R. Mallory	85		18	Bronchitis
" 24	Harriet L. Alden	76		1	Organic Heart Disease
" 24	Charles Horton	43	8	13	Cancer of Liver
" 25	Elizabeth R. Beals	80	3	13	Paraplegia
Apr. 2	Samuel Gerard	74	6	12	Senile Decay
" 4	David Pratt	78	11	20	Organic disease of Heart
" 11	William H. Leary	38		17	Phthisis Pulmonalis
" 14	Francis D. Litchfield	66	11		Heart Disease
" 15	Sally M. Wood	84	6	4	Senile Decay
" 24	Daniel Desmond	75			Paralysis
" 26	Abbie G. Hayward	39	11	15	Pneumonia
" 27	Etta E. Packard	29	5	7	Heart Disease
May 4	Samuel R. Poole	74	5	12	Chronic Nephritis
" 4	Phoebe S. Carnes	79	8	22	Heart Disease
" 6	John M. Shute		4	11	Capillary Bronchitis
" 7	Edwin Brown	81	11	12	Pneumonia
" 16	Charles H. Goddard	82	8	6	Erysipelas
" 17	Annie J. Murphy	26	10	13	Consumption
" 25	Esther B. Cook	21	10		Malignant Scarlet Fever
June 1	Jos. G. Goldthwaite	98	1	27	Senile Decay
" 5	Eliza B. Morse	74	1	5	Cancer
" 6	Annie C. Toren	14	5		Acute Nephritis
" 16	Irving Bates	57	1	10	Apoplexy
" 23	Walter Severance	73	6	30	Cancer of Stomach
" 28	Etta M. Eburn	25	6		Cancer of Peritoneum
July 13	Charles H. Baxter		2	19	Cholera Infantum
" 13	Sarah Wade	79			Heart Disease
" 27	Albina Whitman	68	9	11	Cirrhosis of Liver
Aug. 15	Albert S. Howland	3	5	5	Dysentery

DEATHS, CONTINUED.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH
		Y	M	D	
1896.					
Aug. 22	Mary Feeney	1	3	10	Dysentery
" 27	Calvin H. Harlow	89	10	16	Enlarg't of Prostate Gland
Sept. 2	Orinda H. Fullerton	69	2	11	Marasmus
" 3	John J. Bouchard		4	4	Inanition
" 14	Ellen Kenneally	66	9		Paralysis
Nov 10	Mary J. Taft	60	8	20	Drowning Suicide
" 11	George I. Loucraft	26	9		Consumption
Dec. 7	Charity T. Erskine	68	3	10	Phthisis Pulmonalis
" 8	Forrest S. Churchill		2	21	Suffocation
" 10	Patrick White	74			Diarrhœa and Old Age

Whole number of deaths in 1896, 56.

FRANK SMITH, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

FRANK SMITH, Collector,

In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1891.	DR.		
To amount uncollected,			\$43 36
	CR.		
By amount paid treasurer,		\$1 45	
“ “ uncollected		41 91	
		<hr/>	\$43 36
1892.	DR.		
To amount uncollected,			41 16
	CR.		
By amount paid treasurer,		\$1 77	
“ “ uncollected,		39 39	
		<hr/>	41 16
1893.	DR.		
To amount uncollected,			57 49
	CR.		
By amount paid treasurer,		\$3 12	
“ “ uncollected,		\$54 37	
		<hr/>	57 49
1894.	DR.		
To amount uncollected,			72 19
	CR.		
By amount paid treasurer,		\$5 64	
“ “ uncollected,		66 55	
		<hr/>	72 19

1895.	DR.		
To amount uncollected,		\$361 45	
“ “ interest collected,		8 21	
		<hr/>	369 66
	CR.		
By amount paid treasurer,		\$292 38	
“ “ uncollected,		77 28	
		<hr/>	369 66
1896.	DR.		
To amount committed,			25,289 87
“ “ interest collected,			141 73
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			\$25,431 60
	CR.		
By amount paid treasurer,		24,758 40	
“ “ uncollected,		673 20	
		<hr/>	\$25,431 60

The uncollected taxes previous to 1896 are taxes assessed upon lots sold by the Hanson Land Company.

FRANK SMITH, Collector.

February 6, 1897.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

JARVIS BURRELL, Town Treasurer,

In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1896.	DR.	
Feb. 1.	Cash on hand as per previous report,	\$3,313 05
Mar. 7.	Town of Whitman, acct. military settlement,	20 41
20.	State treasurer, Corporation tax,	1 70
	“ “ National bank tax,	20 83
25.	Henry Hobart, acct. lumber from town farm,	532 01
30.	State St. Safe, Deposit & Trust Co., borrowed of	6,000 00
Apr. 28.	Frank Smith, license of 6th class,	1 00
May 13.	State treas., support of State paupers,	15 00
	Chas. F. O'Brien, license,	8 00
18.	State treasurer, borrowed of,	5,000 00
22.	“ “ acct. of inspection of animals,	78 92
July 21.	R. O. Harris, Chairman, acct. school money,	233 32
	Police Court, Brockton, fine,	5 00
13.	State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co., borrowed of,	2,000 00
Aug. 24.	County Sheriff, fines,	15 00
Sept. 25.	E. E. Edson, pool table license,	2 00
	E. N. Ward, license,	1 00
26.	State treas., acct. burial State pauper,	15 00

Oct.	1.	Police Court, Brockton, fines,	10 00
	3.	G. W. Holmes, pool table license,	2 00
	16.	Warden at Almshouse,	80 00
		Town Farm, acct. wood,	30 00
		W. H. Gaffeney, license,	1 00
	17.	James H. Fullerton, license,	8 00
Dec.	20.	Fall River Savings Bank, acct. Johnson fund,	22 75
	5.	S. A. Rich, license,	2 00
	9.	Town of Montague, aid to Hattie A. Morrison,	13 72
	11.	State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	1,336 97
		“ “ National bank tax,	562 52
		“ “ Military aid,	84 00
		“ “ State aid,	1,091 00
		City of Taunton, aid to Rosa Hicks,	10 00
	16.	State treas., acct. State paupers,	92 00
	26.	Town farm, acct. wood,	49 69
	1897.		
	Jan. 1.	Police Court, Brockton, fines,	25 00
	7.	E. Bridgewater Savings Bank, acct. Johnson Fund,	40 40
	10.	Town of West Bridgewater, aid to Susan E. Dunbar,	156 00
		Town of West Bridgewater, aid to Charles E. Fisher,	6 00
	15.	County treas., acct. dog tax,	365 42
	19.	City of Marlboro, aid to Johanna Brittan,	7 73
	23.	Warden at Almshouse,	30 00
	25.	Town of Whitman, aid to Mrs. Bates,	96 19
		“ “ “ “ Aug. L. Goodwin,	5 00
	27.	State treas., income of Mass. school fund,	262 58

Jan. 30.	Interest on deposits,	32 13
	Frank Smith, coll., acct. taxes, 1891,	1 45
	“ “ “ “ “ 1892,	1 77
	“ “ “ “ “ 1893,	3 12
	“ “ “ “ “ 1894,	5 64
	“ “ “ “ “ 1895,	292 38
	“ “ “ “ “ 1896	24,583 18
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		\$46,571 88

Since the above report was made have received from Frank Smith, collector, 1896, \$175.22.

1896.

Mar.	3.	State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co., town note,	2,000 00
		State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co., interest,	154 33
April	1.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, acct. note,	500 00
		New Bedford Institution for Savings, interest,	33 75
	4.	W. T. Greene, court fee,	13 80
		G. A. Wheeler. " "	10 32
May	14.	State treas., acct., license of 6th class,	25
July	3.	W. T. Greene, court fee,	8 50
	13.	State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co., interest,	18 75
Oct.	1.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, interest,	22 50
		W. T. Greene, court fees,	12 18
		T. S. H. Rounseville, court fees,	8 86
	13.	State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co., town note,	2,000 00
	18.	State treas., town note and interest,	5,083 33
	31.	County treas., acct. county tax,	1,000 00
Dec.	5.	" " bal. " "	1,193 84
	11.	State treas., state tax,	1,155 00
		" " acct. grade crossing,	421 24
		" " interest acct. grade crossing,	50 54
	12.	State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co., acct. note,	1,000 00
	28.	State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co., acct., note,	1,000 00

1897.

Jan.	1.	R. J. Mitchell, court fee,	3	35
		J. C. Gray, " "	3	93
		W. T. Greene, " "	12	57
		T. S. H. Rounseville, court fees,	10	70
	5.	Trustees public library,	63	15
	18.	State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co., acct. note,	1,000	00
	28.	State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co., acct. note,	1,000	00
	30.	State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co., acct. note,	500	00
		Amt. of order drawn by selectmen,	16,062	15
		" " " " school com- mittee,	9,800	27
		Cash on hand,	2,428	57
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			\$46,571 88	

JARVIS BURRELL, Treasurer.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

1896.		DR.	
Jan.	1.	Cash on hand,	\$7 20
	13.	Rec'd of dance,	12 00
	17.	" " M. C. O. F.,	12 00
Mar.	21.	" " Unitarians,	8 00
Apr.	17.	" " Germans,	10 00
May	5.	" " John Holmes,	8 00
	8.	" " M. C. O. F.,	12 00
	29.	" " A. O. O. H.,	14 00
Sept.	23.	" " St. John Circle,	8 00
Oct.	8.	" " Concert,	4 00
Nov.	20.	" " M. C. O. F.,	10 00
Oct.	24. and 30.	Rec'd Rep. rallies,	10 00
			<hr/> \$115 20
1896.		CR.	
Aug.	6.	Paid J. D. Jones,	\$2 00
Sept.	3.	" J. Dickerman,	2 72
Nov.	2.	" M. S. Curtis,	1 62
	13.	" J. Dean,	14 62
Dec.	31.	" Frank Smith,	1 20
	31.	" Geo. M. Webber,	7 76
	31.	" Geo. F. Lombard, bill for cleaning and repairing,	20 75
	31.	" T. S. H. Rounseville, janitor,	43 25
		Geo. F. Lombard, Sec'ty of Com.,	10 00
		Cash on hand,	11 28
			<hr/> \$115 20

GEO. F. LOMBARD, for Committee.
East Bridgewater, Feb. 10. '97.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The board now consists of Isaac N. Nutter and William H. Taylor, whose terms expire in 1897. Edmund W. Nutter and Mary H. Rust, whose terms expire in 1898, and Rev. Clarence Lathbury and Alice E. Strong, whose terms expire in 1899. The board organized March 23d, 1896, by choice of William H. Taylor, chairman, and I. N. Nutter, secretary and treasurer.

The room occupied by the library in the Masonic building has been retained by the Trustees and will be occupied until the new Washburn library building is completed. The new building is now ready for the plasterers, work having been suspended during the winter months by request of the Trustees of the building fund, will be resumed early in the spring. It is anticipated that the new building will be ready for occupancy early in the summer, when the citizens of East Bridgewater will receive as a gift from Cyrus Washburn, of Wellesley Hills, a native of East Bridgewater, a substantial and beautiful structure, providing commodious quarters for the library, and a pleasant reading room. We hope and trust that this generous gift will be appreciated and be a source of pleasure and profit to many generations.

The library has been open the past year in the afternoon and evening every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, except when a holiday occurred on either of these days.

The following publications can be found at all times upon the tables : Harpers, Atlantic, Century, New England Magazine and St. Nicholas.

The library has been open 147 days.

Entire circulation for year, 9,420. Decrease from 1895, 310

Average number,

64X.

Largest number of books given out, March 14th,	143
Smallest number, May 13th,	25

The books taken out are classified as follows :

Fiction,	57 85.	Juven'e Fict'n,	20 24.
Per cent. fiction,	61.41X.	Juven'e Fict'n,	22.44X.
History,	5.89.	Travel,	3.04X.
Scientific Works & Poetry,	2.29X.	Biography,	2.55X.
Magazine,	4.10X.		
Cards issued,			61
Volumes purchased,			107
Worn copies replaced,			11
Public documents added,			17

Books have been donated as follows :

Mrs. T. O. Paine,	7
Mrs. A. W. Crossman,	2
Mrs. Wm. Crossman,	1
Miss Agnes M. Hobart,	11

Miss Hobart has also given several valuabl works published in parts.

Back numbers of Harper's Magazine from 1853 to 1895, have been received from Mrs Mary Soule Alden, of Middleboro, whose father, the late Capt. John M. Soule, was a native of this town.

A copy of The History of Plymouth County, published in 1884, a work much needed has been given by Henry Hobart.

WM. H. TAYLOR,
I. N. NUTTER,
CLARENCE LATHBURY,
MARY H. RUST,
E. W. NUTTER,
ALICE E. STRONG,

Trustees.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand,	\$1 75	
Town treasurer, annual appropriation,	500 00	
“ “ income from Johnson fund,	63 15	
Librarian, for catalogues sold,	1 75	
“ fines collected,	25 83	
“ books sold,	3 25	
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		\$595 73

EXPENDITURES.

Lucy L. Siddall, services as librarian,	\$200 00
“ “ “ care of room,	34 00
“ “ “ step ladder,	2 00
“ “ “ oil and supplies,	6 40
Thos. D. Dudley, books,	11 50
E. W. Nutter, magazines,	13 80
Ætna Insurance Co.,	16 00
Satucket Masonic Building Association, rent,	125 00
W. B. Clark & Co., books,	91 23
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight on books,	35
D. Appleton & Co., annual cyclopedia,	6 00
Joshua Dean, coal,	6 75

Mrs. McDermott, cleaning library,	1 75	
F. E. Fuller & Co., supplies,	70	
J. Burrell, library cards and slips,	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$524 48
Balance,		71 25
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		\$595 73

I. N. NUTTER, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer, Collector, Selectmen and School Committee for the year 1896, and beg leave to submit the following report :

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on Treasurer,	\$16,062 15
“ “ “ paid by “	16,062 15

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on Treasurer,	\$9,800 27
“ “ “ paid by “	9,800 27

TREASURER.

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1896, and received during the year,	\$46,571 88
Amount paid during the year,	44,143 31
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Cash on hand,	\$2.428 57

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection,	\$25,289 87
Interest,	141 73
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	\$25, 431 60
Amount paid to Treasurer,	\$24,758 40
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Uncollected taxes,	\$673 20

Of this amount \$175.22 was paid to Treasurer after his accounts were audited, and does not appear in amount received during the year.

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Amount on hand Dec. 31, 1895, and received	
during the year 1896,	\$314 38
Amount paid out during the year 1896,	295 69
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Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1897,	\$18 69
Total valuation, \$1,426,804.00.	
Rate per \$1,000, \$16.50.	

N. F. DUNPHE, Auditor.

February 7, 1897.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER,
AND
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FOR THE YEAR 1896.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1896.

Spring Term begins March 29, closes June 11 ; 11 weeks.

Fall Term begins Sept. 7, closes Dec. 17 ; 15 weeks.
Vacation, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

Winter Term begins Jan. 3, 1898, closes March 11, 1898 ;
10 weeks.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring Term begins March 29, closes June 25 ; 13 weeks.

Fall Term begins Sept. 7, closes Dec. 17 ; 15 weeks,
Vacation, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

Winter Term begins Dec. 27, closes March 18, 1897 ; 12
weeks.

Storm Signals.—11 — 111111—two blows, pause, six blows,
struck three times on church bells at 8.05 A. M., no
school for the day.

Regular Meetings of the Committee.—Second Monday
evening of each month, at 7.30 o'clock.

Superintendent's Office Hours.—At town office, Mondays
and Thursdays, from 3.30 to 5.30 P. M. during school
days.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1896.

Alice R. Allen,	term expires	1897
Robert O. Harris,	“ “	1897
Edward T. Morse,	“ “	1898
Richard W. Nutter,	“ “	1898
Fannie M. Shaw,	“ “	1899
Susan M. Dunphe,	“ “	1899

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

R. W. Nutter, Chairman.

S. M. Dunphe, Secretary.

E. T. Morse, Treasurer.

George C. Howard, Supt. of Schools.

Report of the School Committee.

To the Citizens of the Town of East Bridgewater :

The past year has been in almost all respects, a satisfactory one in your public schools. The two most important schools in town, the High and the Central Grammar, have been in unusually strong hands, and it is some time since the duties of your Committee have been so pleasant and so easy. We feel that to the tact and ability of our Superintendent, Mr. George C. Howard, is to be attributed, in a large measure, the present tranquil state of affairs. The schools all seem to be running smoothly and the number of complaints received from parents and scholars are very few. We take this to be a certain indication of profitable school work. We trust that you will not fail to read carefully and to consider the subjoined report of the Superintendent and Principal of the High school. It contains many important suggestions, to one or two of which we call especial attention by way of emphasis. As to raising the grade of the High school and bringing up the average age, we believe it to be most desirable if it can be done without entailing upon the town extra expense. Not only would it lift the standard of the High school, but it would greatly increase the usefulness of the Central Grammar school, the key stone to our whole system. We believe that there are many scholars who cannot now be persuaded to enter the High school, who would remain to take another year in the Grammar school.

We regret that the town cannot afford to employ an additional teacher to relieve the crowded condition of the

High school curriculum referred to by Mr. Bragdon in his report ; but we do not feel that we can recommend it at the present time. If the course is too crowded to allow each recitation a proper amount of time, a judicious pruning out of less important studies may have to be made.

At the monthly meeting in December, it was brought to the attention of your school Committee, that the number of scholars in the Beaver Primary and Intermediate schools combined, was only 33 ; so we unanimously voted to close the Primary, and to consolidate both under one teacher in the Intermediate room. This will result in a saving of \$350 per year, and will in no way impair the efficiency of the schools, as the teacher had last month an average attendance of only 27.

For the past two years we have pointed out the need of refurnishing the Central Grammar school-room, and the Superintendent has now taken up the matter in his report. The dilapidated condition of the desks and chairs is a disgrace to the town as well as injurious to the physical growth of the scholars. If anyone thinks this appropriation should be again passed over, let him but take the trouble to see for himself, and we feel confident he will give us his vote most cheerfully.

Several expenditures in the school department should receive explanation. The dog tax, which is turned over as part of the appropriation for general school purposes, fell of this year \$45.00. In the recommendation for transportation, we reckoned with too much confidence upon the electric road in place of the Beaver coach. At the annual town-meeting in March, no appropriation was made for a drawing teacher, and she was at once dismissed ; but from January 1st, the beginning of the fiscal year, \$47.50 was then due her, for which no provision was made. Something over

\$100 was spent in constructing a suitable drain from the cellar of the West building in accordance with the advice of the Board of Health. Stagnant water stood several inches deep in the cellar at all except the driest portions of the year. The health of the teachers and scholars was visibly impaired ; the former threatened to resign, and the parents were about to withdraw the latter from the school. The Committee have had the matter in mind some time, and it should have been attended to years ago.

Several insurance policies expire this year, and the renewal of the same will call for an appropriation of \$125. We ask the opinion of the citizens of the town, as to whether this expenditure is a wise one. Cannot the town afford to carry a part at least of its own insurance?

We recommend the following appropriations for 1897 :

For school purposes,	\$6,000 00
Books and Supplies,	500 00
Incidentals,	300 00
Minor repairs,	150 00
Transportation,	525 00
Salary of Superintendent,	350 00
Music Teacher,	175 00
Insurance,	125 00
Desks and chairs for Grammar school.	350 00

Mrs. JAS. S. ALLEN,
 Mrs. N. FRANK DUNPHE,
 Mrs. ALLAN B. SHAW,
 ROBERT O. HARRIS,
 EDWARD T. MORSE,
 RICHARD W. NUTTER.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Committee of the Town of East Bridgewater:

I have the honor to present to you the following as my second annual report of the schools of East Bridgewater :

From the nature of things there must be a certain degree of sameness in school reports, because many topics require annual notice, but each year has its peculiar problems whose solution may properly be indicated in the report. Many details of these problems are shown by statistics, and the condition and progress of our schools in certain directions can best be shown in a tabular form. These statistics are a valuable feature of each report, since they answer for tax-payers and all others interested in our schools many important questions and enable comparisons to be made from year to year. These comparisons are best made when figures have been prepared upon the same basis for quite a period of time, since the use of a different basis would cause them to be misleading and confusing. For this reason, I shall continue to give the statistics in their usual form.

Population of East Bridgewater, census of 1896,	2,894
Number of schools,	13
“ “ teachers required,	15
“ “ “ employed during year,	26
“ “ “ having normal school training,	11
“ “ children in town between the age of 5 and 15 years, as shown by census of:	

May, 1896,	431
“ 1895,	448
“ 1894,	446
Number of children in town between the age of 8 and 14 years, as shown by the census of May, 1896,	255
Number of pupils enrolled on school registers during year,	509
Number of pupils enrolled over 15 years,	40
Average membership,	435
Average attendance,	409.6
Per cent. of daily attendance,	.941
“ “ “ “ “ 1895,	.947
Number of visits by truant officers,	0
“ “ truants found,	0

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

I am able to report that our schools, at the present time, are in a fairly satisfactory condition. We retain as members of our teaching force, however, but five teachers who were with us one year ago. In several instances the change of teachers seemed imperative, while in others, the change were greatly regretted.

Miss Helen Luddy, who so long and so successfully taught the West Intermediate school, was tempted away, in June, by the offer of a principalship of a six-room building in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, at a greatly increased salary. In the going of Miss Luddy, our schools lost an able and an efficient teacher.

In Miss Maud L. Johnson of the Center Grammar School, we possess a remarkably strong and efficient teacher, who is daily placing her school upon a higher plane. That school, with its eighty pupils, is the key-stone of our school system, and only a strong teacher is capable of managing it.

I suggest that the committee, in making its estimates for the coming year, take into consideration the necessity of providing for an increase in the salary of Miss Johnson.

In my report of last year, I spoke of the unsatisfactory results obtained in writing. A close observation of our schools disclosed the necessity of a radical departure in system. So ingrained had the bad habits become by practice, that great efforts to produce improvement along the lines of the old system seemed to produce no effect. Up to the beginning of the present year, I had always been opposed to the vertical system of writing, but examination into the results produced by the new system caused me to change my views. I became convinced that a system supported by all the great medical societies of the world, as one tending to check near-sightedness and other eye troubles, a system that had been introduced into almost all European countries as being the most legible as well as the most rapid, a system that had been adopted in the foremost schools of this State, and which was daily justifying its adoption, would be a good system for us to at least experiment with. The Committee adopted my views, and in September Hill's system of vertical writing was introduced. In the short space of fifteen weeks, more improvement has been made than in the whole of the previous year. I confidently expect that by the close of the year, we shall be proud of the writing of our pupils.

I desire to call the attention of the Committee to the advisability of better fitting our pupils for the work of the High school. In nearly all of the towns of this section, as well as in every progressive community of the State, nine years of preparation are required for admission to the High school. This is, in my judgment, wise. I do not believe that the necessary preparation can be had in less time. This conclusion has been reached after much careful thought,

and is in a great measure, due to many conferences with the Principals of our Grammar and High schools.

The average ages of the last two entering classes at the High school were thirteen years, nine months, and fourteen years, seven months, respectively. The average ages of the last two entering classes at the Brockton High school, were fifteen years, two months, and fifteen years, six months, while the average ages of the last two entering classes at the Taunton High school, were fifteen years, two months, and fifteen years, ten months, respectively. Our pupils, as they have in the past entered the High school, have had no drill in square root, cube root, or mensuration ; they have had no training in book-keeping, and their knowledge of civics has been slight and fragmentary. I submit that it is unfair to expect our teachers to do in eight years what the majority of teachers find it difficult to do in nine ; and that it is also unfair to the pupils to send them to the High school with insufficient preparation and expect them, at immature ages, to successfully accomplish their work. I recommend that a ninth grade be established to pursue the following course of study :

MATHEMATICS, ARITHMETIC :

Fall Term, Business Arithmetic.

Winter, Square Root and Cube Root.

Spring, Mensuration.

BOOK-KEEPING : Single Entry.

LANGUAGE : Technical Grammar, by topics ; much practice in composition writing, taken in connection with other subjects.

HISTORY :

Fall Term, Review of U. S. History, by topics.

Winter Term, Review.

Spring Term, Civics.

GEOGRAPHY : A Thorough Review.

LITERATURE : The lives and works of :

Fall Term, Longfellow and Hawthorne.

Winter, Whittier and Cooper.

Spring, Bryant and Scott.

NOTE.—The public library should be freely used. Each pupil should be required to read, each term, at least two books by each of the prescribed authors for that term. Daily class-readings should be made from the books in course of reading.

In my opinion, the additional grade can be established without crowding our lower schools, by holding the eighth grade for another year's work in the Grammar room, and by refusing to promote from the Intermediate grades. Our Intermediate and Primary grades are all small, with the exception of the Centre Intermediate and North Primary. At the present time, there are two grades, the seventh and the eighth, in the Grammar school, numbering respectively 42 and 38 pupils. From the results of several conferences with Miss Johnson as well as from personal examination of the pupils, I am convinced that nearly a third of the eighth grade will fail to pass, and that only two-thirds of the seventh grade will be promoted, leaving the situation approximately as follows, if the ninth grade be established :

Ninth grade, 27 pupils.

Eighth grade, 39.

Seventh grade, 14.

At the present time each of the grades in the Grammar school are divided, making four classes, two for each teacher, the division being made on account of the small size of the recitation room. If the ninth grade be established, the following is Miss Johnson's plan : The ninth grade will recite as one class ; two divisions will be

made of the eighth grade, and the seventh grade will constitute the fourth class. An examination of the sixth grade in the Centre Intermediate, indicates that but eight pupils will be promoted at the end of the year, for whom Miss Johnson thinks she can find room in her seventh grade, raising the number in that grade to twenty-two. The other seventh grade pupils in town can easily be retained as such, in the Intermediate and mixed schools, and promoted to the Centre Grammar school, at the end of another year, to join the eighth grade. It is your Superintendent's earnest belief that the ninth year's work will be the most valuable in the course. Many of our pupils now leave school at the end of eight years without any training in the High school. I believe that the majority of those so leaving, would remain for an additional year's work, and I also thoroughly believe that each child should have some training in the principles of our government, in book-keeping and in literature.

In connection with this subject, I ask your earnest consideration of the subjoined report of the Principal of the High school, Mr. Bragdon.

To Mr. George C. Howard, Superintendent of Schools :

In accordance with your request I submit the following report of the High school : I shall not attempt to enlarge upon the needs of the school in the line of material equipment. Our needs in that direction are well known. I believe we are too often inclined to overlook considerations, less tangible perhaps, but far more essential to the progress of the school, and lay the blame of low standards to lack of material equipment. I shall therefore undertake, briefly, to state what I consider some of the greatest hindrances to the greater usefulness and the higher standing of this High school. My first impression of the school, and that impression has constantly deepened, was that there was

lacking in the pupils, that complex body of feelings which is commonly expressed in the phrase school sentiment. With a lack of this sentiment, it is not surprising that we should find very prevalent a disposition to feel and to say, "anything is good enough so long as I get through." To remove this feeling and to fix in its place, the truth that whatever is done should be done well, and that partial obedience to a requirement in study or conduct is disobedience, has been my first task. How far I have succeeded I will not attempt to say, that there is still room for improvement is very evident.

While it must be admitted that the standard of the school in scholarship and deportment is lower than it ought to be, it seems to me hardly just to either pupils and teachers, to attribute this to either party alone, or to both unitedly. A large factor in the case will be found, I believe, in the fact that pupils of the entering classes have received one year of training less than is given in other towns. The results, are, first, that our High school course of study has to be scaled down to meet the condition of the entering class, and second, that a large percentage of the class fail to do the work of the first year, become discouraged, and leave school.

Furthermore, those who do pass in the first year's studies, find the character of the work so different from what they have been accustomed to, that they have been unable to do it well, and so they pass on to the subsequent years at a disadvantage. I believe the only right solution of this problem will be found in lengthening the grammar school course one year, so that it may cover the studies now lost in passing from one school to the other, and also a part of the present work of the first year in the High school. Pupils then entering the High school will be more mature, by one year, and will be enabled to get such

a start in the first year as will permit them to fulfill the requirement in each branch of the course, a thing which, if I am correctly informed, has not been done at least for some years.

I may remark here with propriety, that the insertion of this year in the grammar grade will in no wise affect those now in the High school. The present junior class will furnish in those who fail to pass, an entering class for next year, thus keeping the number of classes in the school as before.

Another hindrance of which I am ever reminded, when I compare this school with other schools, is the lack of teaching force. The school has now two courses of study, a four year's course and a three year's course which require thirty-eight recitations per week, besides music, drawing, declamations and general exercises. Allowing a little time for devotional exercises, recess, and change of classes, the amount of time left for each recitation is not over thirty minutes, and music, drawing, and declamations are still unprovided for. I submit to you these statements, first, that it is unjust to teacher and class to expect as much from thirty-minute recitations as other classes get from forty-five minutes or one hour; and second, that no teacher can do his best work when he must hurry from one class to the next with no pause, and no opportunity to answer questions and give personal help to anyone, until the session is ended and both teacher and pupil are too weary, mentally, to profit by further effort. While we do not seek for less work, we do claim that with more time at our disposal, we can do more for our pupils in directing their *study*, and thus secure a broader and higher standard of scholarship. The addition of a second assistant for even a part of the day will make possible the carrying out of our course as it should be. We are meeting this difficulty at present by reducing the work in many studies from five reci-

tations per week, to three and four, thus giving each teacher thirty-two recitations per week, besides music, drawing, etc. If we are to keep up with the course, it follows that the same amount of work has to be done in fewer hours, which in turn requires more outside work by the pupils. Though the arrangement is defective in many ways, it seems to be the best under existing circumstances.

If I may use as a point of departure the report gives me by various members of the schools, and parents, the average of attendance and deportment is increasing, and the interest manifested by the pupils is very good. That their is the possibility of good work and high scholarship I do not hesitate to affirm. The criticisms I have made, are suggestive, I believe, of changes that must be made before we can reach, or even closely approximate the ideal.

Though handicapped in many ways, I shall, so long as I am connected with the school, strive to lift the standard of scholarship, and establish a wholesome sentiment in the school. To this end I bespeak of the public a charitable judgment on our short comings, and an active personal interest in us and our work.

Acknowledging the many proofs of confidence in myself which I have already received from you and the School Committee, and with the hope that our united efforts may be crowned with great success.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. BRAGDON, Principal.

During the past term, I have been giving much attention to the grading of our schools. The results of many tests and personal examinations have convinced me that many of our pupils are working in grades in which they find the work too difficult, while others are finding the work too easy.

With the concurrence of the school committee, I shall, during the winter term, regrade our schools, and in my work, I ask the earnest co-operation of the parents. Some children develop faster than others, and should be pushed along a little faster through the grades. On the other hand there are children whose mental growth is slow. This is not their fault, and I do not believe that it is their misfortune, since it is often these slow growing children that make the best minds after all. It is well occasionally for such children to take two years in a class. Often times, the children feel quite grieved at being thus compelled to take a year over again, but if their parents would show them the right view of the matter, they would soon cheerfully accept the situation. No child will be kept back for punishment or with the desire to do him an injury. The question is simply what will do the child most good? It is reasonable to suppose that since children are not all alike, if a course is fitted for the majority, it must be too hard for some and they must take more time to complete it. It would be unwise to foster any spirit of discouragement or discontent which might be felt by any pupil who failed to keep up with his class. The right thing to do is to encourage him to go vigorously about his work, resolved to come out finally as well as the best.

I desire to call the attention of the committee to the necessity of refurnishing the Center grammar school room. The seats and desks in use in that room have seen constant service for many years. The desks have been badly cut and marked, until they no longer present a suitable surface upon which to write. Many of the chairs have been broken, and the standards of several desks have become rickety,—this condition of affairs has prevailed for many years and is in no wise attributable to the present management of the school,—Worse than all is the disparity of size between the seats and the children. There are but seven sizes of seats in that

room, while many sizes of children are expected to occupy them. The result is that a sixty inch boy is frequently crowded into a fifty inch seat. Physicians tell us that much of the deformity seen in school children is directly traceable to the bad positions which they are obliged to assume during school hours. I recommend that the room be refurnished with Chandler adjustable chairs and desks, during the spring vacation.

At the close of the fall term, Mr. Edmund F. Sawyer, who, for two years, has so efficiently served as director of music in our schools, resigned to assume a much more lucrative position in Hingham. Mr. Sawyer is a teacher of exceptional ability and pupils and teachers alike regret his departure. Mrs. Nettie Guild Dana, of North Easton, a graduate of the Boston Normal School of Music, and a teacher of experience, has been engaged as his successor.

In my last report, I spoke of a movement then just begun, to induce the State to grant additional aid for the support of schools in the poorer towns. I call attention to the following circular and ask that all citizens of East Bridgewater who believe the measure to be a just one, make personal appeals to their senator and representative to work and vote for the bill.

“STATE SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.”

“*Dear Sir:*— You are doubtless aware of the movement to have the state take upon herself a part of the burden of supporting public schools. The justice of it is apparent from the fact that while there is in the state an average of about \$8,000 of taxable property for every child that attends school a year, some cities and towns have from \$15,000 to \$40,000 per pupil, and others less than \$4,000, or even \$3,000 per pupil. Hence a great inequality of tax rates for public instruction results, varying from about one dollar on the thou-

sand in the richer places to seven, eight and more in the poorer. If the state can be brought to impose a general tax, of, say one dollar per thousand, and to distribute the proceeds on some equitable basis, as the average school attendance, it would be a great help to many places.—East Bridgewater would gain annually over \$1800.—A responsible committee has been formed to press a bill to this effect in the present legislature. What is needed is :

“FIRST, that you should see your representative and senator and urge their attention to this matter.

“SECOND, that petitions should be sent in signed by school officers and as many citizens as possible and that some one should be present at the hearings to represent you.”

Representative E. BURRILL PORTER,

Chairman of Committee.

J. W. McDONALD,

Secretary.

I close this report with a renewed feeling of deep obligation to each member of the school committee for the courtesy, the helpfulness, and the friendly counsel which have been extended to me throughout the year. I desire to thank the teachers for their earnest co-operation, and to the citizens I beg to express my appreciation of their assistance and to assure them that their suggestions and complaints shall have my earnest consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. HOWARD,

Superintendent of Schools.

West Bridgewater, Jan. 15, 1897.

Treasurer's Report.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$6,200 00
Received under Act of 1893,	233 33
Income of Massachusetts school fund,	262 58
Dividend on dog tax,	365 42
Total,	<u>\$7,061 33</u>

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

William R. Fletcher, High School,	\$625 00
Fred E. Bragdon, High School,	375 00
Pauline C. Melius, High School,	281 25
Mary E. Eaton, High School,	187 50
Maud L. Johnson, Grammar School,	570 84
Angie S. Bowles, Grammar School,	189 00
Laura E. Johnson, Grammar School,	135 00
Hattie N. Peterson, Centre Intermediate,	396 00
Helen A. Luddy, West Intermediate,	231 00
Marion I. Bailey, West Intermediate,	138 00
Cora B. Crabtre, West Primary,	407 00
Julia Mansfield, Beaver Intermediate,	396 00
Nellie A. M. Alger, Beaver Primary,	189 00
Lina F. Stowell, Beaver Primary,	135 00
Tryphosa B. Peterson, Elmwood Intermediate,	396 00
Helen W. Safford, Elmwood Primary,	200 00
Georgiana Calef, Elmood Primary,	135 00
Emille L. Jenkins, Satucket,	189 00

Mary W. Wentworth, Satucket,	150 00
Rachel M, Ferguson, Eastville,	189 00
Mary A. Bailey, Eastville,	135 00
Gertrude F. Whitcomb, Northville,	170 00
Georgiana Calef, Northville,	36 00
Mabel A. Hatch, Northville,	135 00
E. Isabelle Ramsdell, North Primary,	360 00
Town of Whitman, tuition,	18 00
Total,	<hr/> \$6,368 59

FUEL.

Edmund Bird, preparing fuel,	\$ 75
John Burgess, wood,	4 25
Joshua Dean, coal,	447 35
J. D. Jones, wood,	12 50
Total,	<hr/> \$464 85

CARE OF HOUSES AND CLEANING

James Timmons, care High School,	140 62
M. Davitt Carroll, care West Building,	33 40
J. M. Whitman, care Beaver,	20 00
Eugene A. Lincoln, care Beaver,	15 00
George Bonney, care Elmwood,	13 00
George W. Sandridge, care Elmwood,	9 00
Fred Turnbull, care Elmwood,	15 00
A. Richmond Parker, care, Satucket,	24 00
A. E. Ramsdell, care Eastville,	1 00
Rachel M. Ferguson, care Eastvsille,	8 50
Leon Hatch, care Eastville,	3 00
Willie E. Sharpe, care Eastville,	3 00
Mary A. Bailey, care Eastville,	5 00
Leon Hatch, carrying water, Eastville,	4 00

Prescott Ramsdell, carrying water, Eastville,	2 00
Arthur Ramsdell, carrying water, Eastville,	2 00
Gertrude F. Whitcomb, care Northville,	3 50
Irving L. Humble, care Northville,	2 00
Ernest Hunter, care, Northville,	5 00
Mabel A. Hatch, care, Northville,	3 00
George Skillings, care, North Primary,	16 50
Mrs. Geo. McDermott, care, North Primary,	8 00
Mrs. James Timmons, cleaning High School,	25 46
Mrs. M. E. Allen, cleaning Beaver,	7 88
Mrs. Geo. McDermott, cleaning,	32 00
Total.	<hr/> \$401 86

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for teaching,	\$6,368 59
fuel,	464 85
care and cleaning,	401 86
Total,	<hr/> \$7,235 30
Amount available,	7,061 33
Expended in excess of appropriation,	<hr/> \$173 97

REPAIRS ON BUILDINGS.

R. T. Brett, stock and labor,	\$ 6 75
Chase & Co., “ “ “	8 84
Luther Churchill, stock and labor,	1 30
M. S. Curtis, “ “ “	18 93
Joshua Dean, lumber,	12 69
Alfred Eburn, stock and labor,	6 53
Henry Gurney, “ “ “	2 00
Irving Horton, “ “ “	21 86
Geo. S. Howland, “ “ “	50
Geo. F. Lombard, “ “ “	5 00

David H. Pratt, " " "	4 75
C. A. Randall, " " "	1 75
Geo. Simmons, " " "	17 40
Geo. Skillings, labor,	75
James Timmons, "	18 10
Geo. A. Wright, stock and labor,	1 00
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Total,	\$128 15
Appropriation,	150 00
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Unexpended,	\$21 85

INCIDENTALS.

Alger's Express,	\$11 90
Jarvis Burrell, printing,	52 03
John Burgess, posts,	5 40
E. L. Clark, labor,	5 25
M. Clifton Edson, storm signal,	25
F. W. French, labor,	75
F. E. Fuller & Co., incidentals,	6 92
Hopkinson & Holden, brooms, pails, etc.,	21 25
Geo. C. Howard, car fare, postage, etc.,	26 34
Samuel J. Hoyt, labor,	2 00
E. T. Morse, school census,	25 00
E. T. Morse, labor, postage, etc.,	10 90
E. W. Nutter, papers,	12 08
F. C. Nutter, incidentals,	1 00
R. W. Nutter, justice of the peace,	2 00
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford R. R., freight,	2 76
Old Colony Piano Co., tuning piano,	5 50
Frank Smith, chemicals, etc.,	16 33
John Stetson, labor,	25
The Boston Regalia Co., two flags,	9 00
L. J. Voigt, filling diplomas,	2 00

Geo. M. Webber, repairs on stoves, pipes, etc.,	95 08
B. B. Waterman, labor,	3 10
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Total,	\$317 09
Appropriation,	300 00
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Expended in excess of appropriation,	\$17 09

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Allyn & Bacon, books,	6 38
American Book Co., books,	27 76
Edw. E. Babb & Co., books,	23 52
F. H. Castor & Co., books,	6 47
Oliver Ditson Company, music,	3 28
Franklin Educational Co., supplies,	24 25
Ginn & Co., books,	32 58
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies,	33 17
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	10 24
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books,	95 69
Maynard, Merrill & Co., books,	12 96
Geo. S. Perry & Co., supplies,	154 54
John E. Potter & Co., geographies,	19 60
Prang Educational Co., drawing supplies,	2 28
Silver, Burdett & Co., music readers,	26 50
Thompson, Brown & Co., arithmetics,	10 00
University Publishing Co., books,	18 64
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Total,	\$513 86
Appropriation,	500 00
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Expended in excess of appropriation,	\$13 86

PAINTING BEAVER BUILDING.

M. S. Curtis,	\$ 99 64
Appropriation,	100 00
Unexpended,	<u>\$ 36</u>

TRANSPORTATION.

W. L. Benson,	\$ 93 00
Hosea Hathaway, room for scholars,	10 00
Albert Kelley,	239 98
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford R. R.,	36 00
M. L. Webber,	<u>200 00</u>
Total,	<u>\$578 98</u>
Appropriation,	<u>525 00</u>
Expended in excess of appropriation,	<u>\$53 98</u>

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Town treasurer of West Bridgewater,	\$350 00
Appropriation,	350 00

MUSIC.

Edmund F. Sawyer,	\$140 00
M. L. Webber, carriage hire,	25 00

Total,	\$165 00
Appropriation,	175 00

Unexpended,	\$10 00
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DRAWING.

Alice B. Upham,	\$41 25
M. L. Webber, carriage hire,	6 25

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No appropriation.

STOVES AND REPAIR OF FURNACES,

D. A. Young & Co., stock and labor,	\$126 23
F. A. Quimby, bolts,	1 60
T. S. H. Rounsville, board of man,	3 50
Barstow Stove Co., two stoves,	68 00

Total,	\$199 33
Appropriation,	200 00

Unexpended,	67
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INSURANCE.

B. W. Keith,	\$55 50
F. C. Nutter,	6 00
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Total,	\$61 50
Appropriation,	65 00
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Unexpended,	\$3 50

DRAIN AT WEST BUILDING,

Geo. L. Chamberlain, labor,	\$22 22
P. M. Churchill, civil engineer,	10 50
R. O. Harris, deed,	5 00
James L. and Julia Mahoney, land,	38 00
Geo. M. Webber, drain tile,	28 20
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Total,	\$103 92
No appropriation.	

SUMMARY.

Available for school purposes,	\$7,061 33
Appropriation for minor repairs,	150 00
incidentals,	300 00
books and supplies,	500 00
painting Beaver house,	100 00
transportation,	525 00
salary of superintendent,	350 00
music,	175 00
stoves and furnaces,	200 00
insurance,	65 00
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Total,	\$9,426 33

Paid for support of schools,	\$7,235 30
minor repairs,	128 15
incidentals,	317 09
books and supplies,	513 86
painting Beaver House,	99 64
transportation,	578 98
salary of superintendent,	350 00
music,	165 00
drawing,	47 50
stoves and furnaces,	199 33
insurance,	61 50
drain at West building,	103 92
Total,	<hr/> \$9,800 27
Expended in excess of appropriation,	373 94

EDWARD T. MORSE, Treasurer.

East Bridgewater, Jan. 27, 1897.

LIST OF TEACHERS.

NAME.	WHEN ELECTED.	SCHOOL AND GRADE.
Wm. Roscoe Fletcher.	Sept. 1895	Prin. High.
Ford E. Bragdon.	" 1896	" "
Pauline C. Melius.	" 1895	Ass't. "
Mary E. Eaton.	" 1896	" "
Maud L. Johnson.	" 1895	Prin. Gram., VII., VIII.
Angie S. Bowles.	" 1896	Ass't. Gram.
Laura E. Johnson.	" 1895	" "
Harriet N. Peterson.	March 1896	Cent. Int., IV., V., VI.
Myra H. Baker.	Sept. 1895	North Prim., I., II., III.
E. Isabelle Ramsdell.	" 1895	Cent. Int., IV., V., VI.
Helen A. Luddy.	" 1893	West Int. IV., V., VI.
Marion I. Bailey.	Nov. 1894	" Prim., I., II., III.
Cora B. Crabtre.	Sept. 1895	" Int., IV., V., VI.
Julia Mansfield.	March 1892	Beaver Int., IV., V., VI.
Nellie A. M. Alger.	Dec. 1895	" Prim. I, II., III.
Lina S. Stowell.	Sept. 1896	" Prim., I., II., III.
Gertrude F. Whitcomb.	April 1895	Northville, I.,—VI.
Georgiana Calef.	May 1896	" I., VI.
Georgiana Calef.	" 1896	Elmwood Prim., I., II., III.
Rachel M. Ferguson.	Sept. 1895	Eastville, I.—VI.
Mary Bailey.	" 1896	" I.—VI.
Emille Lee Jenkins.	" 1895	Satucket, I.—VI.
Mary W. Wentworth.	" 1896	" I.—VI.
Phosie Bradford Peterson.	" 1895	Elmwood Int., IV., V., VI.
Helen W. Sufford.	" 1895	" Prim., I., II., III.

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

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TOWN OFFICERS

— OF —

EAST BRIDGEWATER

FOR THE YEAR 1897.

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1898.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,
HENRY GURNEY, SAMUEL C. WHITE, EZRA S. WHITMARSH.
Town Clerk and Collector of Taxes, FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer, JARVIS BURRELL.

Auditor, N. FRANK DUNPHE.

School Committee, ALICE R. ALLEN, ROBERT O. HARRIS, for
three years; SUSAN M. DUNPHE, FANNIE M. SHAW, for
two years; EDWARD T. MORSE, RICHARD W. NUTTER,
for one year.

Superintendent of Schools, GEORGE C. HOWARD.

Road Commissioners, ELIJAH L. CLARK, for three years; GEO.
L. CHAMBERLAIN, for two years; WALTER G. SMELLIE,
for one year.

Board of Health, ALLAN L. SHIRLEY, M. D., for three years;
WM. T. GREENE, for two years; EZRA S. WHITMARSH,
for one year.

Trustees of Public Library, ISAAC N. NUTTER, WM. H. TAYLOR,
for three years; ALICE E. STRONG, Rev. CLARENCE LATH-
BURY, for two years; EDMUND W. NUTTER, MARY H.
RUST, for one year.

Constables, CHARLES W. ADAMS, EDWARD E. EDSON, BENJ.
SIDDALL, FRANK M. FISHER, ROBERT J. MITCHELL, WILLIAM
T. GREENE, THOMAS S. H. ROUNSEVILLE.

Fence Viewers, WILLIAM H. CAMPBELL, ABRAM C. WRIGHT.

Field Drivers, PATRICK CARROLL, JR., LEVI A. BAKER.

Town Hall Committee, GEORGE F. LOMBARD, CHARLES A. MILLS,
CORNELIUS L. VOSMOS.

Registrars, ARTHUR G. WATERMAN, three years; FRED E. FULLER,
2 years; AMOS HUNTING, 1 year; FRANK SMITH, ex-officio
clerk.

Engineers, MINOT S. CURTIS, Chief; WARREN K. CHURCHILL,
Clerk; JOSHUA DEAN, LEVI A. BAKER, IRVING HORTON.

Weighers, GEO. W. ALGER, WM. EDSON, THOMAS H. PERKINS.

Surveyors of Lumber, ARTHUR C. CHURCHILL, JOSHUA DEAN,
HOSEA HATHAWAY.

Measurers of Wood, WM. B. HALL, WM. H. TAYLOR, WARREN K.
CHURCHILL.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, ROBERT YOUNG.

Inspector of Meats and Cattle, WM. T. GREENE.

Pound Keeper, HENRY W. SEARS.

Town Physician, WALTER H. ADAMS.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1897.

Support of Schools,	\$6,000 00	
School books and supplies,	500 00	
Incidentals,	300 00	
Superintendent's salary,	350 00	
Music teacher,	175 00	
Transportation,	525 00	
Minor repairs,	150 00	
Desks for grammar school,	350 00	
Insurance,	125 00	
Flags,	30 00	
Repairs, Curtisville,	25 00	
Water, Eastville,	50 00	
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Highways,	3,000 00	
Bridges and culverts,	500 00	
Sidewalks,	400 00	
Removal of snow,	500 00	
Street lighting,	475 00	
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Support of poor,	3,000 00	
Soldiers' relief,	550 00	
Military aid,	150 00	
Town officers,	1,300 00	
Incidental expenses,	500 00	
Fire Department,	500 00	
Hydrant rental,	1,080 00	
Central St. trough,	25 00	
Police service and suppression of crime,	250 00	
Board of Health,	50 00	
Public Library,	500 00	
Memorial Day,	100 00	
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		\$21,460 00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

Due on note and interest, New Bedford	
Savings bank,	\$505 62
Due on note in anticipation of taxes	
of 1897,	2,030 00
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	\$2,535 62

ASSETS.

State aid paid, due from State,	\$1,482 00
Military aid paid, 1-2 due from State,	210 00
Inspection of cattle, 1-2 from State,	76 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	2,874 04
Uncollected taxes of 1897,	1,070 59
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	\$5,712 63

TOWN MEETING.

Articles to be acted upon at the annual town meeting,
March 7, 1898 :

ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the reports of town officers and committees.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To adopt some method for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To vote upon the question " Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"
Yes or No.

ART. 8. To act upon a list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to put in a new heating apparatus at the almshouse.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to repair the Town Hall. -

ART. 11. To see if the town will adopt and procure a corporation seal for the use of the town. [By request.]

ART. 12. To see if the town will take action in relation to their petition to the Highway Commission.

ART. 13. To see if the town will pay a bounty of twenty-five cents a head, for crows and hawks, that are killed in town, for one year from date of its passage. [By request.]

ART. 14. To determine the method of repairing the highways for the ensuing year. [By request.]

ART. 15. To see if the town will revoke their action relating to choosing Road Commissioners. [By request.]

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to purchase a strip of land near the Elmwood Hose House. [By request.]

LIST OF JURORS AS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Allen, George W.	Salesman.
Allen, James S.	Retired Manufacturer.
Baxter, Wm. C.	Machinist.
Benson, Walter L.	Stable keeper.
Brett, Royal T.	Mason.
Brown, George E.	Shoemaker.
Churchill, Luther	Farmer.
Churchill, Newton	Salesman.
Clark, Charles F.	Foreman.
Crocker, Walter	Retired.
Curtis, Minot S.	Painter.
Duane, William M.	Machinist.
Gurney, David W.	Farmer.
Harris, William T.	Carpenter.
Joyce, G. W. Nelson	Shoemaker.
Keene, Willam F.	Farmer.
Keith, Herbert C.	Farmer.
Keith, Samuel	Bank President.
Keith, Zebina	Retired Manufacturer.
Latham, A. Harris	Farmer.
Lothrop, Waldo P.	Shoemaker.
Lombard, George F.	Carpenter.
Paine, Howard	Machinist.
Parker, Alfred B.	Machinist.
Pendergrast, James	Iron Worker.

Pratt, Charles W.	Shoemaker.
Porter, Francis W.	Machinist.
Rollins, Frederic B., Jr.	Pedler.
Shaw, Lester B.	Photographer.
Siddall, Benjamin	Carpenter.
Washburn, Noah A.	Farmer.
Whiting, John M.	Mason.
Wood, Charles G.	Farmer.

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

At the last annual town meeting the selectmen were appointed a committee to examine the Northville gravel pit belonging to the town, with power to convey, etc. We have visited the premises and have given all parties a chance to be heard in relation thereto. As no one has been able to guarantee the completion of any plan which we think will be to the advantage of all the parties interested, we have not conveyed to either party the interest of the town in the land.

The subject of an Electric Street Railway which has been agitated for the past few years has at last been settled by the granting of a franchise for two lines through the town, which are now in operation much to the convenience of our people.

In the location granted over Pleasant Street it was decided to widen, and having the cooperation of the Railway Co. the Road Commissioners have filled in and built a new sidewalk from Central St. to the Church, one-half of this expense was borne by the Railway Co.

In the location over Bedford St., a like widening was thought wise, one-half of this expense has been paid by the town, although having no appropriation for the purpose.

We have drawn orders for the following persons :

STATE AID, CHAP. 301, 1894.

Henry W. Bird,	\$39 00
Algernon S. Brett,	36 00
Henry Burns,	48 00
John Carroll,	33 00
Sarah M. Caswell,	48 00
Francis B. Chamberlain,	16 00
Henry Cook,	36 00
George R. Dyer,	48 00
Helen M. Dyer,	44 00
Hannah S. Dyson,	48 00
William A. Dyson,	36 00
Francis R. Flagg,	36 00
Mary J. Fuller,	12 00
Betsey A. Hale,	24 00
Eliza J. Hamilton,	48 00
Luther Harden,	21 00
Noah T. Harding,	48 00
Edward F. Hassett,	36 00
Jacob P. Hill,	36 00
Rebecca Hinckley,	48 00
Joshua Hollis,	48 00
Augustus M. Howe,	72 00
Julia H. Howe,	48 00
Clarissa K. Howland,	46 00
Alonzo W. Leach,	48 00
Elisha R. Magoun,	12 00
Henry A. Osborne,	72 00
Nancy W. Pratt,	48 00
Catharine Quigley,	24 00
Nathan Reed,	72 00

Ezra F. Sampson,	9 00	
William S. Sampson,	60 00	
Sylvanus Ross,	14 00	
Zenas W. Sturtevant,	48 00	
Thankful O. Trow,	24 00	
Selden M. Washburn,	36 00	
Mariah A. Whitman,	48 00	
Abigail K. Winsor,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,482 00

Due from State.

MILITARY AID, CHAP. 279, 1894.

Elisha R. Magoun,	72 00	
John McAvin,	60 00	
Fevender C. Negus,	144 00	
Augustus B. Vickery,	72 00	
Joseph M. Whitman,	72 00	
	<hr/>	\$420 00

One-half due from State.

SOLDIERS RELIEF, CHAP. 447, 1890.

Mary A. E. Atwood,	\$99 95	
Henry W. Bird, by order of Dist.		
Attorney,	8 00	
Mrs. Charles Hatch,	24 00	
Lewis B. Hayward,	12 00	
Jacob P. Hill,	5 50	
Augustus M. Howe,	6 75	
Rebecca Hinckley,	24 00	
Elisha R. Magoun,	7 00	
Lydia A. Magoun,	13 00	
John McAvin,	132 50	

Sylvanus Ross,	6 00	
Ella F. Wentworth,	144 00	
Eliza C. Worthington,	33 89	
	<hr/>	\$516 59
Unexpended,		33 41
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Appropriation,		\$550 00
Due from Town of Marshfield,		99 95

BURIAL OF SOLDIER. CHAP. 395, 1889.

Paid L. Holbrook & Son, Burial of L. B.	
Hayw.rd,	\$35 00
Paid by State.	

MEMORIAL DAY.

Benj. W. Harris, Jas. S. Allen, L. Watts Richards, Simeon C. Keith, Richard W. Nutter, committee.		
Paid for printing posters,	\$2 00	
“ programs,	8 25	
distributing posters and programs,	1 50	
Stationery, telephone, etc.,	2 00	
Flags, ex., etc.	6 80	
Bridgewater Band,	50 00	
Transportation of band,	8 00	
A. C. Munroe Post 212,	10 00	
Care of Town Hall,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$90 05
Unexpended,		9 95
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Appropriation,		\$100 00

RICHARD W. NUTTER,
Treasurer of Committee.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS.

At a town meeting held Oct. 15, 1896, it was voted, "To raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding fifty dollars for the purpose of placing a marker of the society of the "Sons of the American Revolution" at the grave of each Revolutionary soldier or sailor, buried in this town, the expense not to exceed one dollar each."

In carrying out the provisions of that vote, nine graves were found with markers, placed there by their descendants. The graves of the following persons are now furnished with markers :

Capt. Nathan Alden,
Jacob Allen,
Josiah Allen,
Simeon Allen,
Matthew Allen, 3d,
Benjamin Chamberlain,
Job Chamberlain,
Fifer, Joseph Chamberlain,
Thomas Chamberlain,
Ephraim Cary, Jr.,
*Lieut. Adney W. Clift,
*Capt. Simeon Curtis,
Joel Edson,
Joseph Gannett,
Lieut. Simeon Gannett,
Arthur Harris,
*Lieut. Benjamin Harris,
*William Harris,
Jacob Hill, Jr.,
John Hooper,
Caleb Howard,
David Keith, Jr.,
*Sergt. Isaac Keith,
*James Keith,
Capt. Joseph Keith,

Lieut. Nehemiah Latham,
Woodward Latham,
Bradford Mitchell,
*Col. Edward Mitchell,
Capt. Elisha Mitchell,
Surgeon Josiah Otis,
Solomon Packard,
Bourne Perkins,
Mark Phillips,
Benjamin Pincin,
Joshua Pratt,
Benjamin Robinson,
William Robinson,
Christopher Seaver,
*Winslow Thomas,
John Tirrell,
John Wade,
Levi Washburn,
*Capt. Asa White,
Marlboro Whiting,
Ebenezer Whitman,
Eleazer Whitman,
Ezra Whitman,
Lieut. John Whitman,
Josiah Whitman,

Capt. David Kingman,
David Kingman, Jr.,
Ezra Kingman,
Nathan Kingman,

Peter Whitman,
Seth Whitman,
Simeon Whitman,
Robert Young.

*Markers placed by friends,

Paid M. D. Jones, markers,	\$48 00	
Freight, ex., etc.,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$50 00
Appropriation,		50 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Paid I. N. Nutter, treas. of trustees,	\$500 00
Appropriation,	500 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid W. K. Churchill, Treas.,	\$200 00	
Unexpended,	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$500 00
Appropriation,		500 00

HYDRANT RENTAL.

Paid Bridgewater's Water Co., 36 hydrants,	\$1,080 00
Appropriation,	1,080 00

CENTRAL STREET TROUGH.

Paid Bridgewater's Water Co., water,	\$19 54	
Unexpended,	5 46	
	<hr/>	\$25 00
Appropriation,		25 00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Presson West, burying condemned meat,	\$ 4 00	
Andrew Dwyer, opening drain,	3 00	
Michael Hennessey,	8 00	
Frank Smith, sul. candles,	5 75	
Unexpended,	29 25	
	<hr/>	\$50 00
Appropriation,		\$50 00

POLICE SERVICE AND SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid Robert J. Mitchell,	\$149 00	
Edward E. Edson,	12 25	
Frank M. Fisher,	34 00	
T. S. H. Rounseville,	13 75	
Unexpended,	41 00	
	<hr/>	\$250 00
Appropriation,		\$250 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid F. Hallett & Co., for town reports,	\$86 45
D. W. Gurney, distributing town reports,	5 00
Geo. M. Webber, distributing town reports,	5 00
Geo. M. Webber, horse hire,	3 00
“ “ repairs at Sackett trough,	2 00
Geo. M. Webber, cement Union church,	1 35

Paid W. B. Chamberlain, repairing pump, Northville,	\$ 75
A. E. Howe, pointing wall,	3 38
W. L. Benson, moving bodies,	2 00
W. T. Greene, moving bodies,	2 00
Saba W. Churchill, copying,	75
F. M. Shaw, " "	18 00
A. E. Mayo, damage on highway,	35 00
Town of Hanson, tax,	23
E. B. Savings Bank, rent of office,	150 00
Jarvis Burrell, printing,	65 95
" " cash paid,	3 70
Geo. T. Mitchell, deed of land,	1 00
Geo. F. Lombard, labor on booths,	3 00
P. M. Churchill, survey of town line,	20 20
Town of West Bridgewater, balance on boundary stone,	6 40
B. W. Keith, agent, insurance Town Hall and Almshouse,	92 05
B. W. Keith, agent, insurance on Library Building,	34 00
C. D. Fullerton & Co., insurance on Library Building,	24 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, insurance on Library Building,	24 00
H. Gurney, cash paid,	4 00
" postage,	3 25
" railroad fare,	11 58
" use of horse,	4 25
S. C. White, cash paid,	2 03
" " railroad fare,	5 40
E. S. Whitmarsh, cash paid,	2 25
" " railroad fare,	5 20

Paid E. S. Whitmarsh. telegraph and telephone,	\$1 50	
Benj. Siddall, care of office,	12 00	
Alger & Co., express,	1 35	
Bridgewater's Water Co., moving hydrants,	13 33	
Bridgewater's Water Co., water Satucket,	5 00	
E. T. Morse, railroad fare,	2 40	
Howard & Clark, return of deaths,	2 75	
C. L. McCann, " "	2 50	
Wm. S. Prophett, " "	1 75	
L. Holbrook & Son, " "	3 75	
G. H. Watson, M. D., return of births,	1 75	
Geo. Hunt, M. D., return of births,	1 25	
A. L. Shirley, M. D., return of births,	5 25	
W. H. Adams, M. D., return of births,	2 00	
	-----	\$683 75
Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Overdrawn,	183 75	
	-----	\$683 75

TOWN OFFICERS.

N. F. Dunphe, auditor,	\$15 00
E. W. Mitchell, teller, March 1,	1 00
E. T. Morse, " " "	1 00
Jos. H. Strong, selectman, etc.,	13 50
E. E. Edson, constable,	24 00
Wm T. Green, inspector of cattle, etc.	221 00
" " " Board of Health,	15 00

W. H. Adams, M. D., town physician,	100 00
H. Gurney, selectman, etc.,	266 27
S. C. White, " "	168 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, " "	117 50
" " Board of Health,	10 00
J. Burrell, treasurer,	150 00
E. T. Morse, treas. school committee,	20 00
T. S. H. Rounseville, truant officer,	4 00
Benj. Siddall, constable,	6 00
F. E. Fuller, registrar,	15 00
A. Hunting, " "	15 00
A. G. Waterman, " "	15 00
G. M. Keith, moderator,	3 00
E. W. Mitchell, ballot clerk, Nov. 2,	2 50
E. E. Edson, " " "	2 50
M. H. Lyons, " " "	2 50
M. Luddy, " " "	2 50
Jas. S. Allen, teller, Nov. 2,	2 50
Geo. W. Allen, " "	2 50
L. R. Allen, " "	2 50
T. E. Luddy, " "	2 50
Frank Smth, agt. Board of Health,	\$10 00
" " collector of taxes,	249 74
" " recording births, marriages and deaths,	40 30
Frank Smith, town clerk,	56 00
A. L. Shirley, M. D., Board of Health,	55 50
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	\$1,611 81
Appropriation,	1,300 00
Overdrawn,	311 81
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	\$1,611 81

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Paid Treasurer, approved bills of Com.,	
H. C. Keith, chairman,	\$310 65
W. G. Smellie, “	4,948 90
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	\$5,259 55

TRUST FUNDS.

LATHAM FUND.

Amount of fund,	\$500 00
Interest for 1897,	\$20 00
Paid Bridgewater's Water Co., water for Satucket (in part),	20 00

ALDEN FUND.

Amount of fund,	\$2,625 00
Interest for year,	\$106 56
Disbursed during year,	169 37
On deposit Jan., 1898,	\$2,644 72

CROSSMAN AND WHITMAN FUND.

Amount of fund,	\$2,000 00
Available interest July, 1897,	\$110 51
We have paid the following amounts :	
John S. Lane & Sons, crushed stone,	\$58 42
Patrick Barrett, for labor,	4 67
Tim Murphy, “ “	4 67
Thomas O'Brien, “ “	3 30
James Morey, “ “	3 00
James Roach, “ “	9 78
Geo. L. Chamberlain, for labor,	7 50
W. G. Smellie, “ “	19 11
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	\$110 45

JOHNSON FUND.

Amount of fund,	\$1,500 00.
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The interest drawn by Treasurer and paid to Trustees of Public Library.	
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SOLDIERS' MONUMENT FUND.

Amount of fund, Jan. 1, 1897,	\$171 57
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Interest during year,	6 90
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On deposit Jan. 1, 1898,	<hr/> \$178 47
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ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT.

Value of real estate taxed,	\$1,178,326 00
“ “ personal estate taxed,	243,020 00
No. of polls taxed,	863
Markers vote of 1896,	\$50 00
Town note,	500 00
Town grants for 1897,	21,460 00
Grade Crossing,	454 93
State tax,	1,155 00
County tax,	2,517 15
	<hr/> \$26,137 08
Less est. from State,	2,000 00
	<hr/> \$24,137 08
Overlay,	1,041 08
	<hr/> 25,178 16
Rate of taxation, \$16.50 per \$1,000.	
Tax on \$1,178,326 real estate,	\$19,442 33
“ 243,020 personal estate,	4,009 83
“ 863 polls,	1,726 00
	<hr/> \$25,178 16
Loss by fractions,	\$ 1 21
Tax committed,	25,176 95
	<hr/> \$25,178 16
Subsequently committed,	2 00
No. of houses in town,	661
No. of acres of land in town,	9,460

Value of buildings assessed,	\$816,765 00
“ “ land “	361,561 00
“ “ buildings exempted,	20,080 00
“ “ land “	6,363 00
No. of horses taxed,	452
“ “ cows,	498
“ “ other cattle,	33
“ “ swine,	45
“ “ fowls,	1,573
Resident individuals taxed,	695
Others taxed,	72
Non-resident individuals taxed,	824
Others taxed,	38
Taxed on poll only,	271

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Chas. L. Rollins, overtaxed,	\$ 2 14
Elizabeth Siddall, exemption,	8 25
Minot C. Shaw, not taxable,	99
Abigail Winsor, exemption,	4 54
Sarah B. Wilkinson, overtaxed,	4 23
Wm. H. Hollis, not taxable,	1 73
Z. W. Sturtevant, sol. exemption,	14 96
Lydia A. Magoun, unable to pay,	16 08
Frank Smith, collector, taxes of 1896,	39 47
“ “ “ “ 1897,	101 88
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	\$194 27

No appropriation.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid James Roach, pumping cesspool,	\$17 00
Amos Hunting, groceries,	262 45

E. N. Ward, meat,	155 48
Joshua Dean, coal,	139 07
“ “ grain,	138 84
Greene & Gurney, fertilizer,	17 50
M. S. Curtis, painting wagon,	10 50
L. Wade, “ blinds,	5 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, clothing,	14 00
F. E. Fuller & Co., carpeting,	44
Geo. M. Webber, getting hay,	80 00
“ “ repairs and supplies,	51 09
F. O. Keith, groceries,	6 16
H. W. Sears, warden,	425 00

\$1,322 53

CR.

Support of Mrs. Bates and child, from	
town of Whitman,	\$172 77
Paid Treasurer,	30 00
Sale of cart,	25 00
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	227 77
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Net expense,	\$1,094 76

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Cash on hand January 1, 1897,	\$ 18 69
Received for cream and milk,	97 65
hay,	86 53
stock,	32 00
calves,	23 00
use of bull,	13 50
pork,	16 50
apples,	7 00
eggs,	13 40
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	\$308 27

CR.

Paid for clothing,	\$ 12 94	
supplies,	30 42	
papers,	4 11	
bread,	6 26	
fish,	12 45	
tea,	6 00	
butter,	8 76	
groceries,	2 20	
vegetables,	7 75	
fruit,	8 38	
labor,	74 25	
repairs,	2 25	
stock,	45 00	
clothing Mrs. Bates and child,	16 77	
Cash paid Treasurer,	30 00	
Cash on hand December 31,	40 73	
	-----	\$308 27

PRESENT INMATES.

	Age.		Admitted.
Sybil P. Dunbar,	65,		1879
Rebecca Cummings,	83,	July	1, 1884
Philetta Washburn,	65,	May	7, 1890
Geo. W. Osborne,	39,	Aug.	6, 1892
Jotham C. Pratt,	77,	Jan.	5, 1894
Michael Winn,		June	1, 1894
Elizabeth Bates,	25,	July	12, 1896
Lizzie W. Bates,	1,	Oct.	29, 1896
Nicholas Wade,	74,	Aug.	18, 1897
William N. Jenkins,		Sept.	5, 1897
John Cummings,	82,	Dec.	2, 1897
Total number during year,			11
Average number during year,			9 1-4

OUTSIDE SUPPORT.

Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts,		
support of Chas. M. Brown,	\$52 93	
“ Lee S. Marchant,	46 43	
	<hr/>	\$99 36
Medfield Insane Asylum, support		
of Hannah Clarity,	\$126 40	
Support of Robert Washburn,	146 00	
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Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support		
of Chas. M. Brown,	\$169 46	
Support of Lee S. Marchant,	33 43	
“ Clara Washburn,	146 89	
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Westboro Insane Asylum, sup-		
port of Hannah Clarity,		23 21
Worcester Insane Asylum, support		
of Ellen A. Edson,	\$169 45	
Support of Catharine Rogers,	169 48	
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		\$1,083 68

OUTSIDE AID.

Paid G. A. Clift, groceries A. L.			
Goodwin,	\$7	50	
M. A. Hayford, aid A. L. Goodwin,	5	00	
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E. W. Brown, groceries, C. H. Lovejoy,			4 00
N. S. Perkins, groceries, A.			
M. Vickery,	\$4	00	
D. W. Gurney, wood, A.			
M. Vickery,	3	00	
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Paid City of Brockton, aid, Mrs.		
Bunker,	\$147 11	
Geo. N. Holmes & Co., coal,		
Mrs. Bunker,	3 33	
	<hr/>	150 44
C. W. Brown, groceries, C. E. Scott,		11 90
“ “ “ Lyman C. Shaw,		2 15
W. H. Adams, M. D., attendance Chas. E.		
Fisher,		2 00
Nathaniel Perkins, aid,		51 00
Laura Washburn, “		78 00
Susan E. Dunbar and children,		156 00
Julia A. Reed “ “		104 00
Minnie W. Porter “ “		129 35
Susan Tuck “ “		130 00
Town of Whitman, aid to L.		
H. Ramsdell,	\$2 00	
Twon of Abington, “ “ “		
H. Ramsdell.	29 00	
Town of Rockland, “ “ “		
H. Ramsdell,	11 00	
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Town of Whitman, aid to Mrs. Alonzo Pratt,		29 80
T. S. H. Rounseville, aid to J. Cummings		1 50
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		\$911 64

TRAMP HOUSE.

Paid D. W. Gurney, wood,	\$15 00	
G. M. Webber, supplies,	12 64	
T. S. H. Rounseville, supplies,	2 45	
“ “ “ care of 860		
tramps,	233 00	
	<hr/>	\$263 09
At a cost of about 30 1-2 cents each.		

CR.

Received from town of Raynham,	\$130 00	
W. Bridgewater,	158 00	
Whitman,	12 50	
Due from State,	15 90	
	<hr/>	\$316 40
Net cost,		3,036 77
Appropriation,	3,000 00	
Overdrawn,	36 77	
	<hr/>	\$3,036 77

SUMMARY.

State aid,	\$1,482 00
Military aid,	420 00
Soldiers' relief,	516 59
Burial of soldier,	35 00
Memorial Day,	90 05
Public Library,	500 00
Fire Department,	200 00
Hydrant rental,	1,080 00
Central St. trough,	19 54
Road Commissioners,	5,259 55
Town officers,	1,611 81
Incidental expenses,	683 75
Board of Health,	20 75
Police service and suppression of crime,	169 40
Almshouse account,	1,322 53
Outside support,	1,118 50
Outside aid,	911 64
Tramp house,	263 09

Abatement of taxes,	194 27
Markers Revolutionary Soldiers,	50 00
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	\$15,948 47

.. All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY GURNEY,
SAMUEL C. WHITE,
E. S. WHITMARSH,

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

We have paid for labor and material on highways, bridges and culverts, sidewalks, street lighting and clearing snow from streets and sidewalks :

Paid Dennis Curran,	\$132 93
Patrick Luddy,	157 27
M. F. Luddy,	43 36
James H. Morey,	133 91
James Roach,	336 15
Thomas O'Brien,	161 98
Patrick Barrett,	262 08
Amos Hunting,	95 61
G. M. Webber,	132 55
W. G. Smellie,	582 71
E. F. Pratt,	111 45
Patrick Welch,	128 39
Elijah L. Clark,	241 96
Edgar L. Clark,	279 97
Chas. H. Soule,	44 00
A. R. Parker,	4 50
Geo. Sturtevant,	61 97
Timothy Murphy,	114 45
Clifford Ward,	18 00
G. L. Chamberlain,	396 84
Everett Howe,	165 10
F. L. Keith,	21 45
Frank Winn,	69 07
H. C. Keith,	72 10
Joshua Dean,	121 61

Paid Mrs. C. Lincoln,	\$2 83
Henry T. Allen,	15 75
Thompson & Johnson,	16 20
B. P. Beals,	1 00
Sarah J. Osborne,	2 31
G. E. Brown,	8 20
C. Goss Est.,	14 80
Carver Cotton Gin Co.,	1 40
Algernon S. Brett,	3 30
Charles Fisher,	11 25
Herbert Edson,	25 30
O. M. Sharp,	2 20
Globe Gas Light Co.,	25 85
A. G. Blackman,	3 50
James McGrath,	8 60
D. W. Gurney,	70 67
Bartley Curran,	37 09
James Donovan,	1 75
Geo. McDermott,	10 00
C. S. Whitman,	2 10
Harry Andrews,	4 80
Austin Washburn,	14 70
G. W. Alger,	32 00
Jarvis Burrell,	4 25
Israel Thresher,	27 99
Chas. E. S. MacCorry,	2 73
C. G. Moore,	90
C. E. Smith,	4 60
A. Leland,	10 50
E. T. Ellis,	10 25
Abner C. Jackson,	10 95
F. O. Keith,	1 10
Samuel Keith,	14 25

Paid Martin Moberg,	\$3 00
Henry Hobart.	9 52
W. L. Benson,	16 75
A. H. Latham,	1 47
J. Dillon,	33 25
W. F. Hudson,	1 60
John Cannon,	2 40
J. B. Shepherd,	2 20
J. J. Dobby,	24 95
C. Thayer,	2 28
W. L. West,	50
D. W. Thresher,	2 00
Irving Horton,	1 00
M. Fitzgerald,	8 75
Samuel C. White,	1 93
E. W. Lindsay,	2 20
F. A. Qumby,	43 70
S. A. Rich,	7 00
G. W. Folsom,	13 58
P. Fitzgerald,	28 00
M. Hennessy,	55 04
Timothy Luddy,	19 25
Patrick Foley,	72 35
W. F. Keene,	20 00
W. Gilson Ramsdell,	1 10
John Burgess,	27 90
Minot S. Curtis,	4 75
Fred C. Nutter,	10 50
Est. of H. W. White,	6 68
N. Mondeaux,	8 50
Geo. Smith,	51 53
Mathew Wilder,	15 66
D. H. Gurney,	1 20

Paid Geo. Bates,	\$3 40
Andy Dwyer,	13 67
Galen Willis,	36 70
W. Hollis,	1 20
Isaac T. Hatch,	18 70
W. T. Green,	16 36
Geo. Sites, Jr.,	8 75
Mrs. Martin Sumner,	7 50
Randall W. Cook,	4 46
M. Barrett,	3 12
J. S. Eastman,	53 25
G. D. Steadman,	65 66
G. L. French,	28 27
F. D. Sturtevant,	2 60
Mrs. Mary Parker,	11 94
Austin Hayden,	7 00
Albert Bates,	3 00
E. J. Brown,	1 40
W. S. Hooper,	5 10
C. A. Jones,	8 36
C. Davenport,	3 00
Ames Plow Co.,	24
J. S. Allen,	8 50
E. F. Keith,	1 50
W. B. Chamberlain,	64 75
Luther Wade,	1 50
Thomas A. Beard,	1 20
Geo. R. Dyer,	2 20
Noah T. Harden,	2 20
Leon Valade,	1 70
L. B. Smith,	3 90
Charles E. Shaw,	2 00
James Geary,	1 80

Paid David H. Pratt,	\$ 40
A. W. Blanchard,	2 10
Joseph Bourdeau,	1 80
Chas. H. Grow,	2 90
Paul Shepherd,	2 40
John Beard,	3 00
Geo. W. Holmes,	4 90
Walter S. Pratt,	2 60
J. D. Jones,	2 75
Geo. Ferguson,	2 40
John Cunningham,	2 40
F. R. Hatch,	3 00
H. T. Gardner,	1 40
C. H. Gardner,	1 20
Brooks Brown,	1 20
Henry T. Blanchard,	2 90
I. H. Sumner,	1 00
Orace Washburn,	7 60
W. H. Gaffeny,	3 50
E. T. Hinckley,	1 40
S. R. McKensie,	1 00
Leon Hatch,	50
A. G. Forsman,	1 60
W. W. McKensie,	70
Wm. Hulshart,	5 10
Fred Ramsdell,	2 40
Charles Brown,	4 60
Patrick Murphy,	4 80
	<hr/> \$5,259 55

SUMMARY.

Appropriation, highways,	\$3,000 00
“ bridges and culverts,	500 00

Appropriation, sidewalks,	\$400 00	
“ removing snow,	500 00	
“ street lighting,	475 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,875 00

Received from E. B. & B. Electric Road Co., one-half of the amt. of money expended on Pleasant St., widening sidewalk,	\$184 27	
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Received from Selectmen one-half of the amt. of money expended on Bedford St. in Elmwood, widening sidewalk,	101 59	
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Received from Selectmen the amt. of money expended on Oak St.,	73 74	
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Received from Zenas Sturtevant for Bridge Plank,	- 50	
	<hr/>	\$350 10
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		\$5,235 10

Expended on Highways,	\$3,068 97	
“ “ Bridges and Culverts,	323 90	
“ “ Sidewalks,	897 24	
“ “ Removing Snow,	479 86	
“ “ street lighting,	489 58	
	<hr/>	5,259 55
Exceeded appropriation,		24 45

WALTER G. SMELLIE,
GEO. L. CHAMBERLAIN,
ELIJAH L. CLARK,

Road Commissioners.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH OF EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS., FOR YEAR 1897.

There were six cases of scarlet fever in town last year and three of diphtheria. These were carefully attended to in every particular.

Several cases of contagious skin disease, in the schools, have been reported and have received attention. A nuisance was reported at the Eastville school, but after examination, the board decided that none existed. One was also reported near the Northville school. Examination was made and a very bad condition found, which endangered the health of the pupils. It was immediately corrected by order of the Board. Other cases of a similar nature arose, among them, that of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Station. This was found in very bad condition, but by direction of the Board was speedily attended to by the company.

Considerable work has been done on ditches, thereby removing many pools of stagnant and filthy water, which, from their proximity to dwellings, were a constant menace to health.

Dissatisfaction arose on the part of the owner of one of the numerous tuberculous animals condemned in town, during the past year. The matter was referred to the Board of Health, also an analysis of the diseased parts made in Boston, and the Cattle Commissioner fully sustained in his decision. It is astonishing that in one town, so many unhealthy animals can be found each year. We have witnessed autopsies performed on many of these and their diseased condition was truly shocking. It is of the greatest impor-

tance that these creaturers be early disposed of. Massachusetts is trying to do this faithfully, within her borders, but the effort is often partially thwarted, and time and labor lost through lack of funds from inadequate appropriations. Money gives out, work partially done, stops; diseased animals, not yet reached, float into those sections where the work has been thoroughly accomplished. They also float into this, from other states where diseased animals are still at large and from these causes the infection spreads anew. As the public value their lives and those of their families, they should endeavor to create a general sentiment, bring it to bear upon legislators throughout the United States and cause them to vote appropriations sufficient to carry on this work of philanthropy to the *finish*.

The Board has received a number of anonymous letters from complainants during the last year. These they have ignored. Let it be understood by all that a letter or complaint to *avail*, must bear the *signature* of its *author*; also that *all complaints* must be made *in writing*, not verbally.

The Board recommend the appropriation of fifty dollars for its use during the ensuing year.

A. L. SHIRLEY,
W. T. GREENE,
E. S. WHITMARSH,

Board of Health of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF CATTLE AND MEAT.

The inspection for 1897 by order of the Cattle Commissioners was completed May 1st, and about the middle of that month orders were received from the Commission, stating that no more cattle were to be quarantined until another inspection, unless some one reported a diseased creature.

During the past year there has been ten cows condemned by the Commissioner and killed, for which the owners have received full pay from the Commonwealth.

We have had the past year three licensed slaughter houses. I have found the neat cattle and swine slaughtered to be in a very healthy condition.

Have found one hog in town that was tuberculous ; this I inspected in the form of provision, the hog having been butchered at a slaughter house in one of the neighboring towns.

W. T. GREENE, Inspector.

FIRE ENGINEERS' REPORT FOR 1897.

Paid each company \$50.00,	\$100 00
J. Dean, for coal,	16 50
J. D. Jones, for wood,	3 00
janitor, service,	54 51
J. Roach, for team,	5 00
Lombard, for repairs,	1 70
Turnbull, " "	2 00
G. M. Webber, sundries,	9 33
Hutchins, oil, etc.,	7 95
for grass fire,	2 75
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	\$202 74
Appropriation,	\$500 00
On hand Jan. 1, 1897,	2 74
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Available,	\$502 74
Amount expended,	202 74
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Not drawn,	\$300 00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1897.		
Jan. 17	Mary Renda Forcier	Louis and Elodie
" 21	James Francis Dowy	Alexander and Eliza A.
" 23	Lucy Anna Shepard	John B. and Mary J.
Feb. 10	Aubrey Waterman	Charles W. and Martha J.
" 11	Dorris May Lindsey	Ernest W. & Elizabeth H.
" 13	Ralph Tufts	Robert and Mary J.
" 15	Luther Churchill	Arthur C. and Lucy
" 19	Maurice Francis Hennessey	Maurice E. & Anastasia F.
Mar. 9	James Burrill Keith.	Frank O. and Alice M.
" 20	Mildred White Perkins	Levi E. and Lenora M.
" 20	Fred Nelson Burdeau	Timothy and Dennie
" 27	Mary Winn	Frank Winn, Jr. & Bridget
" 30	Bessie Katharine Keith	Harry B. & Idella M.
Apr. 3	Howard Wesley Stetson	Asa W. and Ada L.
" 4	Mildred Farmer Drew	Frank A. and Hannah J.
" 12	Thomas Scotland Brown, Jr.	Thomas S. and Nora M.
May 5	George Alfred Rollins	Charles L. and Minerva
" 8	Margaret Francis Murphy	Edward S. and Nellie G.
" 8	Mildred Elizabeth Keith	Frank E. & Elizabeth H.
" 14	Marion Ethel Fuller	Edmund F. and Mary A.
July 10	Percy Allerton Robbins	David B. and Aurelia E.
" 18	James Feeney	Michael F. and Jane A.
" 22	Margaret Keith	Victor W. and Alice H.
Aug. 9	Florilla Benson	William F. & Josephine A.
" 12	Louise Elwin Hobart	Elwin and Kate S.
" 15	Alice May Wright	John R. and Mary
" 16	Anna Mary Forcier	Joseph and Jennie
" 17	Hazel Frances Hatch	Arthur T. and Lucy H.
" 18	George Lingard Swift	Michael and Ellen
" 20	Katherine Norris Wilbur	Eustace R. and Alice P.
" 31	Catharine Elizabeth Jarvis	John B. and Mary E.
Sept. 7	Margaret Agnes Goshie	Mitchell and Ellen
" 8	Mizella Elizabeth Sandridge	George W. and Annie L.
" 30	Robert Austin Hayden	Hiram A. and Lottie A.
Oct. 11	Madaline Leah Prunier	Joseph and Mary
" 19	Edmund Campbell	William and Jennie F.
" 23	Alice Gertrude Wright	Abram C. and Hattie M.
Nov. 9	Philip Holmes Chamberlain	Louis A. and Rena M.
" 9	Henry Mondeaux	Narcisse and Adelia
" 25	Peckham	George F. and Fannie G.

BIRTHS, CONTINUED.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Nov. 26	Ira Tillson Thomas	Henry E. and Lillie H.
Dec. 3	Ellen Frances Gardner	William C. and Celestia E.
" 10	Gladys Frances Knapp	Austin R. and Frances M.
" 19	Roland Williams Alger	George W. & Correlle B.
" 28	Milton Copeland Spear	Charles A. and Lillian E.
" 30	Wilfred Robert Marvill	George and Louisa
July 28	_____ Andrews	Joseph A. and Lila F.
Sept. 17	Henry H. Stiles	John and Annie
" 19	Henry Seward	Silva and Mary

Whole number of births in 1897, 49.

FRANK SMITH, Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES.

Twenty-six marriages have been recorded in the town of East Bridgewater for the year 1897.

Date of Marriage.	Name of Groom, Bride and Residence.
1897.	
Jan. 25.	Fred. Bernier of Middleboro and Bernise Burdean of East Bridgewater, by Rev. W. E. Kelley.
Feb. 18.	Patrick F. Carroll, Jr., of East Bridgewater and Mary Hallisey of Bridgewater, by Rev W. E. Kelley.
Apr. 21.	Eustace W. Dyke of Bridgewater and Emily J. Clark of East Bridgewater, by Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Apr. 25.	Davis W. Howland and Lillian G. Ford, both of Hanson, by Rev. J. W. Quinby.
May 21.	Wellington Caldwell of East Bridgewater, and Emily L. Burrill of West Bridgewater, by Rev. J. W. Quinby.
June 16.	Edward F. Burke of East Bridgewater, and Elizabeth A. Lemmon of Whitman, by Rev. J. F. Hamilton.
June 22.	Alton E. Brett of East Bridgewater and Jaestina Tenney of Brockton, by Rev. N. B. Cook.
June 23.	Carl R. Marston of Brockton, and Florence M. Wilbur of East Bridgewater, by Rev. F. H. Palmer.

- June 23. James P. Shehan, of Rockland, and Grace L. Blanchard of Whitman, by
B. W. Keith, Justice of the Peace.
- June 24. John A. Keenan of West Bridgewater, and Grace G. Drislane of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. D. H. Riley.
- June 30. David Fitzgerald of East Bridgewater, and Mary E. Burke of South Weymouth, by
Rev. John J. Murphy.
- June 30. Clarence W. Houghton of Stoneham, and Ina A. Newhall of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. N. B. Cook,
- July 6. Arthur A. Webber of West Bridgewater, and Lucy F. Raymond of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. N. B. Cook.
- July 14. John Roht of Middleboro and Jacobina Schmadel of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. C. F. Hennesey.
- July 22. James M. O'Brien, of East Bridgewater, and Lizzie O'Hearn of Bridgewater, by
Rev. W. E. Kelley.
- August 3. George E. Waters and Mildred A. Hillman, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Aug. 21. Merton A. Holmes of Newton, and Lucinda M. Keith, of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Sept. 17. Eugene A. Cole and Maud C. Hathaway, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. O. J. White.
- Sept. 29. Christopher J. Harding of Rowe, and Ada M. Bradford of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. F. H. Palmer.
- Sept. 30. Michael F. Roach and Nellie A. Gorman, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. D. H. Riley.

- Oct. 4. George W. Macintosh of Middleboro, and Lizzie Harlow of Halifax, by Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Oct. 12. Cleveland A. Chandler of Boston, and Louise P. Allen of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. J. W. Quinby.
28. Edward W. Holmes of Middleboro, and Asenath M. Carr of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. N. B. Cook.
- Nov. 30. Henry M. Curtis and Lillian F. Parris, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Dec. 15. Plyna A. Edson of Whitman, and Alice M. Blanchard of E. Bridgewater, by
Rev. H. D. Stevens.
- Dec. 30. Anson B. Flanders of Brockton, and Grace E. Bates of East Bridgewater, by
Rev. F. H. Palmer.

FRANK SMITH, TOWN CLERK.

DEATHS.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y	M	D	
1897.					
Jan. 1	Lucretia Churchill	89	11	15	Heart Disease
" 5	Harry S. Hatch		3	18	Capillary Bronchitis
" 10	Rolinda S. Young	90	8	11	Old Age and Bronchitis
" 11	Michael Doody	68			Cerebral Apoplexy
" 15	Elwin Hobart	22	10	13	Typhoid Fever
" 18	George Le Valley		3	6	Capillary Bronchitis
" 25	Cornelius Clarity	59			Paralysis
" 26	Mary A. Welch	25	2		Phthisis Pulmonalis
Feb. 13	Ralph Tufts			1	Lack of Vitality
" 21	Freedom Keith	72	4	12	Paralysis
" 24	Harriet G. Hathaway	81	11	15	Old Age
Mar. 12	James Carroll	3	5	22	Pleural Effusion
" 14	Mary Hudson	74	11	7	Heart Disease
" 15	Abbie S. Beals	20	7	13	Heart Disease
" 20	Aubrey D. Waterman		1	10	Marasmus
" 22	Jennie G. Planche	43	2	8	Phthisis Pulmonalis
" 23	Catharine Desmond	72	9	11	Heart Disease
" 23	Percy F. Keith	21	7	14	Typh'd Fev'r & Pneumonia
Apr. 12	Ernest H. Coleman	5	5		Scarlet Fever
" 20	Ellen Parker	67			Duodenal Obstruction
" 25	Asaph P. Thompson	65	3	23	Heart Disease
" 26	Cyrus Thrasher	82	1	14	Pneumonia
" 28	Cornelia Erskine	42	4	3	Phthisis
May 5	George C. Thomas		2	8	La Grippe
" 12	Elizabeth A. Osborne	2	4	17	Marasmus
" 13	Lewis B. Hayward	70	3		Suicide by Hanging
" 14	Jane Feeney	3	3		Meningitis
" 23	Alfred Bottomore	83	4	3	Old Age
June 5	Betsey S. French	80	9	25	Organic Heart Disease
" 8	Sarah J. Siddall	52	11	7	Cardiac Asthma
" 14	Oliver Holmes	74	8		Senile Decay
" 27	Azalie McCormack		8	5	Heart Disease
" 29	Parmelia Jordan	85		5	Heart Disease
July 2	Elizabeth Aldridge	68	4	3	Old Age
" 2	Franklin Keith	86	8	19	Heart Disease
" 13	Paine				Still Born
" 14	Helen W. Paine	21	10	14	Childbirth
" 19	Johanna Britton	38			Phthisis Pulmonalis
" 27	Amelia I. White	77	5	28	Diabetes
" 31	Marcia A. Noyes	75	9	9	Valvular disease of heart
Aug. 7	William L. Mitchell	76	9	5	Paresis
" 14	Hannah G. Churchill	57	11	14	Consumption
" 24	Nathaniel Perkins	85	6	20	Organic Heart Disease
Sept. 1	Sarah J. Bird	62	9	25	Valvular disease of heart
" 9	Florilla Benson		1		Inanition
" 21	Harry H. Stiles			4	Inanition premature birth

DEATHS, CONTINUED.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y	M	D	
1897.					
Sept. 23	Frank S. Munroe	29	8	14	Diabetes Mellitus Coma
" 26	Elmer F. Willis	37	9	17	Phthisis
Oct. 8	Elisha R. Magoun	63		28	Phthisis Pulmonalis
" 17	Levi W. Noyes	81	7	25	Paresis
" 25	Marianne Morey	15	6		Tuberculosis
Nov. 7	Catharine E. Jarvis		2	7	Whooping Cough
" 7	Joseph Latendress	1	3		Marasmus
" 10	David G. Cooley	77	5	1	Catarrhal Pneumonia
" 16	Albert Harden	55	8	23	Paresis
" 22	Mary D. Tessier	1	6		Whooping Cough
" 24	James Reardon	76			Bright's Disease
Dec. 9	Annie M. Fisher	3			Whooping Cough
July 28	Andrews				Still Born

Whole number of deaths in 1897, 59.

FRANK SMITH, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE 1897.

Jan.	1.	Cash in Hand,	\$11 28	
	16.	Rec'd of Concert,	4 00	
	30.	" " Mrs. H. N.		
		Thorndike,	5 00	
Mar.	16.	" " Unitarian Ent.		
		Committee,	5 00	
	26.	" " " Minstrels,	8 00	
	17.	" " Puritan Lodge G. F.,	5 00	
	20.	" " Prof. Gales Dancing		
		School,	40 00	
Apr.	7.	" " Elmwood Drama,	5 00	
	15.	" " E. B. I & S Club,	5 00	
May	7.	" " M. C. O. Foresters,	12 00	
	30.	" " A. O. O. Hibernians,	12 00	
June	17.	" " St. John Society,		
		3 nights,	15 00	
Sept.	4.	" " Unitarian Ent. Com,	5 00	
Dec.	4.	" " St. John Society,	8 00	
	28.	" " High School Dance,	5 00	
	30.	" " E. B. I. & S Club,		
		3 nights,	17 00	
				\$165 28
	30.	" " Interest		2 36
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				\$167 64

By bills paid.

Jan.	15.	Bosworth Bros.,	\$ 4 50
June	12.	Cleaning Hall,	11 75
	24.	For keys and labor,	2 00

Oct.	8.	" step ladder,	3 00	
Nov.	26.	C. W. Brown, oils,	6 58	
Dec.	9.	E. J. Hutchins, oils,	6 75	
	9.	Geo. F. Lombard, repairs,	10 50	
	30.	J. Dean, coal and lumber,	24 84	
	30.	Frank Smith, wax,	95	
	30.	Minot S. Curtis,	75	
	30.	Geo. F. Lombard, Sec'y Com.,	10 00	
	30.	T. S. H. Rounseville, jan- itor,	70 00	
	30.	Balance on hand,	16 02	
			<hr/>	\$167 64

GEO. F. LOMBARD,
for the Committee.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

FRANK SMITH, Collector,

In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1896. DR.

To amount uncollected,	\$673 20	
" " interest collected,	16 40	
		\$689 60

CR.

By amount paid treasurer,	\$506 28	
" " uncollected,	183 32	
		\$689 60

1897. DR.

To amount committed,	\$25,178 95	
" " interest collected,	123 22	
		\$25,302 17

CR.

By amount paid treasurer,	\$24,231 58	
" " uncollected,	1,070 59	
		\$25,302 17

The total amount of taxes assessed upon lots sold by the Hanson Land Co. remaining unpaid previous to 1896 was, \$279 50

I have collected of this amount and paid to treasurer, 8 92

Leaving the amount uncollected,	\$270 58
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FRANK SMITH, Collector.

February 3, 1898.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

JARVIS BURRELL, *Town Treasurer,*

In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1897.

DR.

Feb.	1. Cash on hand as per previous report,	\$2,428 57
	3. Town of Whitman, account military settlement, 1896,	28 59
	6. Board of Health, acct. candles burnt,	1 75
	16. Town of Raynham, aid to Susan E. Tuck,	130 00
March	6. East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of,	6,000 00
	18. State Treasurer, corporation tax,	306 69
April	1. Police Court, Brockton, fines,	10 00
	23. Frank Smith, license of 6th class,	1 00
May	6. Bond & Goodwin, borrowed of,	7,000 00
	15. E. E. Edson, pool table license, State treasurer, acct. inspection of animals,	2 00
		112 00
	22. Charles F. O'Brien, license,	8 00
July	3. R. O. Harris, Chairman, account school money,	233 66
	Police Court, Brockton, fines,	32 30
	30. Town of Raynham, aid to Mrs. Tuck and children,	65 00
Aug.	6. Road Commissioners, plank sold,	50
	18. East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of	500 00
	E. N. Ward, license,	1 00
Sept.	27. Brockton & East Bridgewater Street Railway acct. highway,	184 91
Oct.	2. Police Court, Brockton, fine,	3 00
	4. G. A. Blanchard, pool table license,	2 00
	23. Fall River Savings Bank, account Johnson fund,	22 75

Nov.	5.	Received on acct. Order No. 487,	34 82
	6.	Town of Lakeville, aid to Sylvanus Ross,	6 00
Dec.	4.	Presson West, license,	1 00
		W. H. Gaffaney, "	1 00
	11.	State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	1,379 30
	"	" National bank tax,	494 65
	"	" Military aid,	152 00
	"	" State aid,	1,268 00
	"	" Burial of soldiers,	70 00
1898.			
Jan.	5.	E. Bridgewater Savings Bank, acct.	
		Johnson fund,	40 40
	12.	Town of West Bridgewater, aid to Susan E. Dunbar,	156 00
		Town of West Bridgewater, aid to Charles E. Fisher,	2 00
	15.	Warden at Almshouse,	30 00
	18.	County Treasurer, acct. dog tax,	394 40
		Estate of Catharine Rogers, rents,	48 00
		Interest on deposits,	38 91
	22.	Almshouse acct., cart sold,	25 00
	25.	Town of Raynham, aid to Mrs Tuck and children,	65 00
	26.	State Treas. acct. Mass. school fund,	281 28
	29.	Town of Whitman, aid to Mrs. Bates and child,	172 77
		Town of Whitman, aid to A. L. Goodwin,	12 50
		" " " account, Military settlement,	31 49
Feb.	3.	Frank Smith, Coll., acct. taxes previous to 1896,	8 92
		Frank Smith, Coll., acct. taxes 1896,	681 50
		Frank Smith, Coll., acct. taxes, 1897,	24,231 58
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			\$46,700 24

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1897.

March	11.	State street Safe Deposit & Trust Co., town note and interest,	\$1,576 07
April	1.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, acct. note and interest,	522 50
	3.	Wm. T. Greene, court fees,	5 11
		F. M. Fisher, court fees,	11 46
		S. O. Cobb, court fee,	7 70
May	8.	Bond & Goodwin, interest,	113 75
	15.	State Treasurer, acct. license,	25
July	6.	F. M. Fisher, court fees,	20 54
Oct.	4.	F. M. Fisher, court fee,	6 90
		New Bedford Institution for Savings, interest,	11 25
	5.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, notes and interest,	6,625 84
	7.	M. L. Fuller, court fees,	18 33
Nov.	6.	Plymouth County Safe Deposit & Trust Co., acct. note,	3,000 00
		County Treasurer, acct. county tax,	500 00
Dec.	11.	" " " " " "	1,500 00
		State Treasurer, State tax,	1,155 00
		" " acct. grade crossing and interest,	454 93
	27.	County Treasurer, balance County tax and interest,	530 53
1898.			
Jan.	5.	Trustees of Public Library,	63 15
		E. E. Edson, court fee,	1 92
	31.	P. Co. S. D. & T. Co., acct. note,	\$2,000 00
		Amount of orders drawn by Select- men,	15,948 47
		Amount of orders drawn by School Committee,	9,752 50
Feb.	3.	Cash on hand,	2,874 04
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			\$46,700 24

JARVIS BURRELL, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

An examination of the books and accounts of the Treasurer, Collector, Selectmen and School Committee for the year 1897, results as follows :

TREASURER.

Amount on hand January 1, 1897, and received	
during the year,	\$46,700 24
Amount paid during the year,	43,826 20
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Cash on hand,	\$2,874 04

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection,	\$25,178 95
Interest,	123 22
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	\$25,302 17
Amount paid to Treasurer,	24,231 58
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Uncollected taxes,	\$1,070 59

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on Treasurer,	15,948 47
" " " paid by "	\$15,948 47

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on Treasurer,	\$9,752 50
" " " paid by "	9,752 50

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1897, and received	
during the year,	\$278 27
Amount paid out during the year,	267 54
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On hand January 1, 1898,	\$10 73

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. DUNPHE, Auditor.

E. Bridgewater, Feb. 5, 1898.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The board now consists of Edmund W. Nutter and Mary H. Rust, whose terms expire in 1898; Rev. Clarence Lathbury and Alice E. Strong, whose terms expire in 1899; and Isaac N. Nutter and William H. Taylor, whose terms expire in 1900. The board organized April 28, 1897, by choice of William H. Taylor, chairman, and I. N. Nutter, secretary and treasurer.

The Trustees are pleased to announce the completion and occupancy of the new library, and we think the people of East Bridgewater are to be congratulated on the possession of the fine new building, erected and presented to his native town by Mr. Cyrus Washburn. The building was dedicated September 22, 1897, and was open to the public October 9. The following is the order of exercises at the dedication:

Festival hymn,	Dudley Buck.
Invocation,	Rev. L. B. Bates, D. D., Boston.
Statement of Trustees of Washburn Library Building Fund,	Judge B. W. Harris.
Statement of Treasurer of Fund,	Hon. I. N. Nutter.
Soldiers' Chorus,	Gounod's Faust.
Address to the Donor,	Judge Harris.
Presentation of keys by donor,	Mr. Cyrus Washburn.
Acceptance by Chairman of Board of Trustees,	Mr. W. H. Taylor.
Praise ye the Father,	Gounod.
Addresses, Dr. Samuel S. Green, Worcester; Capt. Geo. H. Washburn, Taunton; Col. W. M. Olin, Secretary of State; Hon. Elijah A. Morse, Canton; Rev. Henry F. Jenks, Canton.	
America.	
Benediction,	Rev. J. W. Quinby, East Bridgewater.

The dedicatory services were followed by a banquet in G. A. Hall, after which remarks were made by Mr. Washburn Dr. Bates, Jas. S. Barrell, Weston W. Osborne, Judge Harris, Rev. Mr. Ward and others. A fair for the benefit of the library was held in October last, at which nearly three hundred dollars was realized.

The committee of the fair appropriated \$50 for purchase of shades for the library windows, and have authorized the Trustees of the library to expend the balance for books.

The Trustees are pleased to note a decided increase in the circulation of books since removal to the new building. In the months of November and December, 1896, 1,618 volumes were given out. In the corresponding months of 1897, 1,922 volumes were put in circulation, a gain in two months of 324 volumes.

Books have been donated as follows :

Miss Agnes Hobart,	26
Miss Jewett,	26
Grandchildren of late Charles Mitchell,	64
Nicholas Wade,	14
Bridgewater Public Library,	1

A number of old books from Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bliss and Mrs. W. W. Doane of Brockton.

Souvenir volumes have been received from Sullivan D. Hill, Indian Orchard ; Miss Myra D. Southworth, Brockton ; Mr. C. H. Keith, Boston ; Rev. D. H. Riley, Hon. B. W. Harris, Miss Lizzie W. Keith.

Papers and magazines received : Catholic Review, Every Other Sunday, Our Dumb Animals, The Working Boy, Zion's Herald, Education, New England Homestead ; From Henry Gurney, Esq., the valued work of our late townsman, Rev. T. O. Paine, L. L. D., "The Holy Houses ;" B. W. Keith, Records of Massachusetts, five

Vols.; 1628 to 1686 ; F. D. Millet, the artist, a former townsman, has kindly loaned one of his works, a painting, "In The Bay of Naples," which will be hung in the delivery room ; from Mr. A. B. Parker, a former Trustee, a fine steel engraving, "Men of Progress and American Inventors."

The library has been open 144 days.

Circulation, 9,817. Increase over 1896, 397.

Average number,		68X.
Largest number, Nov. 27,		144
Smallest number, Sept. 13,		22
Per cent. fiction,	60X.	Juvenile Fiction, 20X.
History,	5X.	Biography, 34X.
Scientific Works & Poetry,	2.5X.	Travel, 3X.
New cards issued,		92
Books purchased,		51
Worn copies replaced,		12
To complete sets,		2
Public documents received,		12

The Century Dictionary has been added during the year, and also the Annual Cyclopaedia. The public are invited to make use of the pleasant and commodious reading room, which is open every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 P.M.

The following among other publications can be found at all times upon the tables : Harpers, Atlantic, Century, New England Magazine, Youth's Companion, St. Nicholas. It is hoped the town will make a special appropriation of one hundred dollars to be used for the purchase of additional book-cases, which are greatly needed, as all available shelf room is now occupied.

Carlyle says "The true university is a collection of books." We believe that the Public Library is a greater

force for the uplifting of the people and the generation of moral power, than the public schools; for it touches every man, woman and child constantly. It educates those deprived of High School and college training. This belief has led us to follow the advice of Dr. Samuel S. Green, and attempt through the Library Auxilliary System to reach out to the remote parts of the town and capture those who would otherwise be deprived of library privileges. The experiment has been carried on with much success at Elmwood for the past two years, and reading there has greatly increased. A messenger brings the library to its own doors and leaves that community no excuse for remaining ignorant. Our desire is to send this "true university" out to other parts of the township as soon as possible. To this end we bespeak the co-operation of Westdale, Curtisville, Satucket and Cinder Hill.

EDMUND W. NUTTER,
CLARENCE LATHBURY,
ISAAC N. NUTTER,
MARY H. RUST,
ALICE E. STRONG,
WILLIAM H. TAYLOR,

Trustees.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand,	\$ 71 25	
Town Treasurer, annual appropriation,	500 00	
Mary H. Rust, Treasurer of ladies' committee,	3 33	
Town Treasurer, income of Johnson fund,	63 15	
Weston W. Osborne, donation to be used for purchase of books,	100 00	
Lucy L. Siddall, librarian, fines,	23 19	
Lucy L. Siddall, catalogues and book sold,	1 84	
		<hr/> \$762 76

EXPENDITURES.

Lucy L. Siddall, services as librarian,	\$200 00
Alger & Co., express,	1 65
E. W. Nutter, magazines,	17 04
T. C. Nutter, insurance,	16 00
Estes & Lauriat, books,	28 50
W. B. Clark & Co., books,	68 09
J. W. Quinby, Century Dictionary,	30 00
Brockton Book Bindery, binding magazines,	23 80
D. Appleton & Co., annual cyclopedia,	6 00
N. Wade, for books,	4 25
Satucket Masonic Building Association, rent,	125 00

Lucy L. Siddall, care of room,	34 75	
Geo. W. Spillings, washing windows,	4 00	
W. S. Danforth, record of deed,	1 85	
F. E. Fuller & Co., lamps and fixtures,	37 10	
W. H. Taylor, cash paid for moving books,	1 35	
Mrs. McDermott, washing floor,	1 60	
Thomas & Packard, lamp,	3 00	
Dr. Samuel S. Green, travelling ex- penses,	3 25	
F. E. Fuller & Co., supplies,	84	
Geo. Hudson, services as janitor,	13 33	
Brown & Morrow, labor on furnace,	3 60	
Bosworth Bros., wood,	2 25	
Old Colony Piano Co., use of piano,	5 00	
J. Burrell, printing and supplies,	10 75	
Lucy L. Siddall, oil and supplies,	8 98	
Dennison & Co., labels,	2 10	
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Balance,		108 68
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		\$762 76

I. N. NUTTER,
Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER,
AND
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FOR THE YEAR 1897.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1898.

Spring Term begins March 28, closes June 10 ; 11 weeks.

Fall Term begins Sept. 6, closes Dec. 16 ; 15 weeks.

Vacation, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

Winter Term begins Jan. 2, 1899, closes March 10, 1899 ;
10 weeks.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring Term begins March 28, closes June 24 ; 13 weeks.

Fall Term begins Sept. 6, closes Dec. 16 ; 15 weeks.

Vacation, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

Winter Term begins Dec. 26, closes March 17, 1899 ; 12
weeks.

Storm Signals. — 1 1 — 1 1 1 1 1 — two blows, pause, six
blows, struck three times on church bells at 8.05
A. M., no school for the day.

Regular Meetings of the Committee. — Second Monday
evening of each month, at 7.30 o'clock.

Superintendent's Office Hours. — At town office, Mondays
and Thursdays, from 3.30 to 5.30 P. M. during
school days.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1897.

William H. Taylor,	term expires	1898
Edward T. Morse,	“ “	1898
Fannie M. Shaw,	“ “	1899
Susan M. Dunphe,	“ “	1899
Alice R. Allen,	“ “	1900
Robert O. Harris,	“ “	1900

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

William H. Taylor, Chairman.

Susan M. Dunphe, Secretary.

E. T. Morse, Treasurer.

George C. Howard, Supt. of Schools.

Report of School Committee.

To the Citizens of the Town of East Bridgewater :

This committee reorganized at the April meeting by re-electing the officers who had served during 1896. The resignation of Mr. R. W. Nutter was received at the beginning of the fall term, and after all efforts to induce him to remain a citizen of this town and a member of this committee had failed, it was accepted. The Selectmen and this committee met in joint convention on November 8th, and chose Mr. Wm. H. Taylor to fill the vacancy.

We urge your careful consideration of the report of the Superintendent of Schools. The time has come when it is for you to say whether the schools have reached the standard of excellence which you wish to have maintained. Every improvement in the schools means additional expense. We are by no means sure that we can hold the Grammar school at its present standing, without an increase in salaries. In the estimates which will be found at the close of this report, the salaries of the Grammar school teachers are placed at the same figures as the salaries paid during 1897. Any increase in those salaries will have to be added to the amount recommended for support of schools.

We renew the recommendation made in previous years, in regard to repairing at least one building each year. The Eastville building is in a deplorable condition, and should be thoroughly renovated this year. The platform and steps at the High school building are in an unsightly, and we fear unsafe condition. A new platform should be built at the earliest practicable moment.

At the annual town meeting an appropriation was made to secure a permanent supply of good water at Eastville. This your Committee has thus far been unable to do. Two attempts have been made to drive a well on the school lot without success. The only course now in sight is to blast the old well to sufficient depth to obtain good water. It seems probable that a much larger sum will be needed to do this work than that placed at our disposal this year.

On account of the increased number of children in the Curtisville district, and the crowded condition of the Eastville school, the Committee opened the Curtisville School early in the fall term.

It will be noticed that the money spent this year in excess of appropriations was largely for school purposes. This excess of expenditure is due mainly to two things: Firstly to the opening of the Curtisville School, which has cost about \$120, and secondly, to the increased cost of fuel, which was about \$90.00 more for 1897 than for the previous year.

In our estimates for 1898 we have been obliged to ask for a larger appropriation for support of schools. Four hundred dollars will be needed to carry on the Curtisville School. Our janitor service, which is, in some cases, far from satisfactory, will cost more for this year than it has previously cost. The increase in the salary of the Principal of the High School, which was raised to \$1100 last September, will increase the expense by \$62.50. The books in use in the schools are in many cases worn out, and must be replaced. We ask for a larger appropriation for this purpose this year. We think that if this increase is granted for 1898, that \$500 will be sufficient for 1899.

We recommend the following appropriations for 1898 :

School purposes,	\$6,650 00
Books and supplies,	625 00
Incidentals,	325 00
Minor repairs,	150 00
Transportation,	475 00
Salary of Superintendent,	350 00
Music teacher,	175 00
Repairs at Eastville,	180 00
Platform at High,	75 00

ALICE R. ALLEN,
 SUSAN M. DUNPHE,
 FANNIE M. SHAW,
 ROBERT O. HARRIS,
 WILLIAM H. TAYLOR,
 EDWARD T. MORSE.

Treasurer's Report.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$6,000 00
Received under Act of 1893,	233 33
Income of Massachusetts School Fund,	281 28
Dividend on dog tax,	394 40
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Total,	\$6,909 01

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

Fred E. Bragdon, High school,	\$1,037 50
Mary E. Eaton, High school,	62 50
Lydia R. Smith, High school,	437 50
Maud L. Johnson, Grammar school,	600 03
Laura E. Johnson, Grammar school,	324 00
Harriet N. Peterson, Centre Intermediate,	396 00
Marion I. Bailey, West Intermediate,	360 00
Cora B. Crabtre, West Primary,	396 00
Julia Mansfield, Beaver,	396 00
Phosie B. Peterson, Elmwood Intermediate,	396 00
Georgiana Calef, Elmwood Primary,	339 00
Mary W. Wentworth, Satucket,	210 00
Anna Hill, Satucket,	9 00
Hattie M. Wilbar, Satucket,	140 00
Anna Hill, Curtisville,	108 00
Mary A. Bailey, Eastville,	324 00

Mabel A. Hatch, Northville,	324 00
E. Isabelle Ramsdell, North Primary,	360 00
Town of Hanson, tuition,	\$14 00
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Total,	\$6,233 53

FUEL.

G. W. Alger, coal,	\$292 08
John Burgess, wood,	24 00
Joshua Dean, coal,	224 25
J. D. Jones, wood,	10 50
Geo. McDermott, preparing fuel,	75
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Total,	\$551 58

CARE OF HOUSES AND CLEANING.

James Timmons, care High school,	\$154 96
M. D. Carroll, care West building,	38 50
Eugene A. Lincoln, care Beaver,	37 35
George E. Turnbull, care Elmwood,	36 00
A. Richmond Parker, care Satucket,	24 00
Elmer Brown, care Curtisville,	6 00
Mary A. Bailey, care Eastville,	17 00
Chas. Sampson, care Northville,	5 00
Mabel A. Hatch, care Northville,	9 00
Mrs. Geo. McDermott, care North Primary,	24 00
Mrs. James Timmons, cleaning High School,	16 20
Eugene A. Lincoln, cleaning Beaver,	4 95
Mrs. Emma Turnbull, cleaning Elmwood,	6 50
Mrs. Lester Harden, cleaning Curtisville,	5 00
Mrs. John Beard, cleaning Eastville,	5 00

Mrs. L. Jennie Sampson, cleaning Northville,	1 05
Mrs. Geo. McDermott, cleaning,	17 00
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Total,	\$407 51

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for teaching,	\$6,233 53
fuel,	551 58
care and cleaning,	407 51
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Total,	\$7,192 62
Amount available,	6,909 01
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Expended in excess of appropriation	\$283 61

MINOR REPAIRS AND REPAIRS AT CURTISVILLE.

R. T. Brett, stock and labor,	\$ 2 00
M. S. Curtis, " " "	21 87
Joshua Dean, lumber, etc.,	6 95
Irving Horton, stock and labor,	4 85
Irving Horton, " " " Curtisville,	48 45
Herman Leonard, stock and labor,	87
George F. Lombard, " " "	30 75
C. A. Randall, " " "	6 53
Fannie M. Shaw, cash paid for repairs,	60
W. E. Steinhorn, stock and labor,	1 50
James Timmons, " " "	3 46
Washburn & Davie, " " "	4 35
B. B. Waterman, " " "	14 53
J. M. Whiting, " " "	7 50
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Total,	\$154 21
Appropriations,	175 00
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Unexpended,	\$20 76

INCIDENTALS.

Alger's express,	\$15 07
F. E. Bragdon, cash paid for incidentals,	27 65
Jarvis Burrell, printing,	61 85
E. L. Clark, labor,	3 00
Nettie Guild Dana, paid for music,	2 70
Franklin Educational Co., laboratory supplies,	37 14
F. E. Fuller & Co., incidentals,	15 24
Hopkinson & Holden, brooms, pails, etc.,	16 75
Geo. C. Howard, car-fares, postage, etc.,	31 22
S. J. Hoyt, labor,	2 00
W. F. Jones, music,	2 82
F. O. Keith, brooms, etc.,	1 50
E. T. Morse, school census,	25 00
E. T. Morse, postage,	2 00
E. W. Nutter, papers,	4 67
R. W. Nutter, Justice of the Peace,	2 00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight,	1 52
Frank Smith, chemicals,	2 55
John Stiles, labor,	1 00
L. J. Voigt, filling diplomas,	2 00
G. M. Webber, stock and labor,	80 28
M. L. Webber, balance of acct. '96 and cartage,	20 00

Total,	\$357 96
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Appropriation,	300 00
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Expended in excess of appropriation,	\$57 96
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TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

American Book Co., books,	63 20
E. E. Babb & Co., books and supplies,	76 43
Ginn & Co., books,	38 63
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies,	230 09

Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books,	26 00
Maynard, Merrill & Co., books,	14 40
George S. Perry & Co., supplies,	25 80
The Macmillan Co., books,	2 69
Thompson, Brown & Co., books,	12 50
University Publishing Co., books,	26 83
William Ware & Co., books,	4 00
Werner School Book Co., books,	4 80
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Total,	\$525 37
Appropriation,	500 00
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Expended in excess of appropriation,	\$25 37

TRANSPORTATION.

W. L. Benson,	\$ 71 25
G. C. Howard, paid for tickets,	25 85
Albert Kelley,	232 49
M. L. Webber,	200 00
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Total,	\$529 59
Appropriation,	525 00
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Expended in excess of appropriation,	\$4 59

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Town Treasurer of West Bridgewater,	\$145 83
Town Treasurer of Raynham,	204 17
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Total,	\$350 00
Appropriation,	350 00

MUSIC.

E. F. Sawyer,	\$ 3 50
Nettie Guild Dana,	136 50
M. L. Webber, carriage hire,	34 75
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Total,	\$174 75
Appropriation,	175 00
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Unexpended,	25

INSURANCE.

B. W. Keith, agent,	\$108 94
F. C. Nutter, “	6 00
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Total,	\$114 94
Appropriation,	\$125 00
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Unexpended,	\$10 06

DESKS AND CHAIRS FOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Chandler Adj. Chair and Desk Co.,	\$300 15
Irving Horton, labor,	2 14
Geo. F. Lombard, labor,	20 00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight,	5 17
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Total,	\$327 46
Appropriation,	350 00
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Unexpended,	\$22 54

WATER AT EASTVILLE.

Geo. M. Webber,	\$10 60
Appropriation,	50 00
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Unexpended,	\$39 40

FLAGS.

A. B. Shaw, four flags,	\$15 00
Appropriation,	30 00
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Unexpended,	\$15 00

SUMMARY.

Available for school purposes,	\$6,909 01
Appropriation for minor repairs,	150 00
repairs at Curtisville,	25 00
incidentals,	300 00
books and supplies,	500 00
transportation,	525 00
salary of superintendent,	350 00
music,	175 00
insurance,	125 00
desks and chairs,	350 00
water at Eastville,	50 00
flags,	30 00
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Total,	\$9,489 01
Paid for support of schools,	\$7,192 62
minor repairs and at Curtisville,	154 21
incidentals,	357 96
books and supplies,	525 37
transportation,	529 59
salary of superintendent,	350 00
music,	174 75
insurance,	114 94

desks and chairs,	327 46
water at Eastville,	10 60
flags,	15 00
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Total,	\$9,752 50
Available,	9,489 01
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Expended in excess of appropriation,	\$263 49

EDWARD T. MORSE, Treasurer.
East Bridgewater, Jan. 29, 1898.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Committee of the Town of East Bridgewater :

Among the duties pertaining to the office of Superintendent of schools, is that of preparing an annual statement of the condition and needs of the schools, which, though it is made directly to the School Committee, is understood by everyone to be addressed to the citizens of the town and to be for the enlightenment of the general public. It is the people who furnish the means of supporting the schools : it is the people whose children are trained in the schools to become educated and useful citizens, or who are hampered and dwarfed by insufficient means and improper instruction. It is, therefore, to them through you, their honored representatives, that I address this, my third annual report, in the hope that it will receive careful attention.

Population of East Bridgewater, census of 1895,	2,894
Number of schools,	13
“ “ teachers,	15
“ “ “ employed during the year,	17
“ “ pupils in town between the ages of 5 and 15 years, as shown by census of :	
May, 1897,	456
“ 1896,	431
“ 1895,	448
Number of children in town between the ages of 8 and 14 years, May 20,	269
Number of pupils enrolled on school registers during year,	533

Number of pupils enrolled between the ages of 8 and 14 years,	315
Number of pupils enrolled over 15 years,	64
Average membership,	45.694
Average attendance,	429.83
Per cent. of attendance,	.9407
“ “ “ “ 1896,	.941
Number of visits by truant officers,	9
“ “ truants found,*	0

There have been but two changes in the teaching force during the present year. Miss Eaton, the assistant in the High school, resigned early in the year to assume a more remunerative position in Attleboro, being succeeded by Miss Lydia R. Smith. The vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Mary W. Wentworth, of the Satucket school, was filled by the election of Miss Hattie M. Wilbur. The town is to be congratulated upon the small number of changes. The value of a competent teacher's work is greatly enhanced by each succeeding year of service, and the thoroughly established teacher, whose attention is not distracted by the cares of discipline, is capable of doing a much better quality of work than the new inexperienced, discipline-vexed teacher.

Last year, I called the attention of the committee to the necessity of providing for an increase in the salary of Miss Maud L. Johnson, the very efficient principal of the Center Grammar school. I desire to again recommend that her salary be established at \$800 per year, and, at some length, to give my reasons for that recommendation. The Center Grammar school is the keystone of our educational system. If that fails, the whole arch crumbles. It is a

*NOTE. In the report of last year the truant officer was reported as making no visits. The report should have stated that 12 visits were made.

school of eighty-four pupils, comprising children in the seventh, eighth and ninth grades. At the present time it is in a high state of efficiency; the discipline is perfect, the teaching excellent, the results satisfactory. Miss Johnson is a very strong teacher, capable of earning a much higher salary than she now receives. Twice, during the present year, she has received offers of more remunerative positions, which, on my advice, she has refused, hoping that the value of her services would be recognized by the committee; but, unfortunately, there have been no funds from which an increase in salary could be granted. She now informs me that she can no longer afford to retain her position at the present rate of compensation, and that, unless definite prospects of an increased salary appear, she shall accept the next position proffered to her. We are, therefore, brought face to face with a condition of affairs that needs our immediate and thoughtful consideration. If an increase of salary is refused, I cannot answer for the condition of affairs at that school. I plainly tell the committee and the town's people that teachers capable of managing a school of eighty-four pupils are few, and not to be obtained at low salaries. An increase of \$200 per year means but an increase of 14 cents per thousand in the taxes of East Bridgewater. I ask the parents of the eighty-four pupils now enrolled in the Grammar school this question: Which do you prefer, to pay the insignificant increase in taxes, or to jeopardize the educational advantages of your children?

The establishment of a ninth grade has been a decided benefit to our schools. Hitherto the unsatisfactory quality of the work done by the entering classes at the High School has been due to two causes, insufficient preparation and the character of the instruction and studies below the High School. Up to the present year there has been a gap be-

tween the Grammar school and the High school, which a Grammar school pupil has felt, and by which he has been frequently discouraged. When, in the past, the Grammar school course has been finished, the pupil has been brought face to face with a new condition of affairs ; the subjects that he was to study were entirely new to him, and the methods of instruction radically different. The establishment of the ninth grade has enabled this gap to be bridged ; it has enabled much fuller preparation for the High school, and has given to the pupils entering that school some knowledge of the subjects there taught, as well as of the methods there used. It has another advantage : many pupils terminate their school life on graduating from the Grammar school. Hitherto such pupils have had no training either in civil government or book-keeping, and very little instruction in physiology. Hereafter all such pupils will have been thoroughly trained in the history and government of their country, in the keeping of accounts, and in the structure and care of their bodies.

During the past year a new departure in teaching reading has been made in the upper grades. Your Superintendent does not find himself in accord with that system of teaching reading which consists of drilling children upon certain selected "pieces," in the vain endeavor to secure perfect elocutionary effect. The high-grade elocutionist is, as Lord Tennyson said of poets, "born as well as made." It is a waste of time to attempt to secure more than clear-cut expressive reading in our schools ; the balance of the time should be given to acquainting children with the riches of English literature. The day of the old-fashioned cat-and-dog reading book has gone by, and children should no longer feed upon such "quadruped literature." What is the sense of compelling children to read the wishy-washy selections of

the average reading book, when publishers have put within the easy reach of all school boards the works of Hawthorne, Cooper, Longfellow, Scott and the other masters of English literature.

A well defined beginning along the new lines has been made. The eighth and ninth grades, during the past year have read Scott's "Kenilworth," Longfellow's "Evangeline" and "Courtship of Miles Standish," and Irving's "Sketch Book." The seventh grade has read Longfellow's "Hiawatha" and Whittier's "Snow Bound," and will read, during the coming term,

I recommend the adoption of the following course in reading, as soon as the economical retirement of the books now in use will permit :

Fifth Grade :

Fall term, "Grandfather's Chair," Hawthorne.

Winter term, "Blaisdell's Short Stories from English History."

Spring term, "Seven Little Sisters."

Sixth and Seventh Grades, Even Years :

Fall term, "Hiawatha," Longfellow.

Winter term, "King of the Golden River," Ruskin.

Spring term, "Birds and Bees," Burroughs.

Odd years :

Fall term, "Little Nell," "Old Curiosity Shop," Dickens.

Winter term, "Snow Bound," Whittier.

Spring term, "Tanglewood Tales," Hawthorne.

Eighth Grade :

Fall term, "Ivanhoe," Scott. "Courtship of Miles Standish," Longfellow.

Winter term, "Twice Told Tales," Hawthorne.

"Tales of Knightly Adventure." "Vision of Sir

Launful," Lowell "Horatius at the Bridge,"
 Maucauly. "Idylls of the King," Tennyson.

Spring term, "The Spy," Cooper. Whittier's Shorter Poems.

Ninth Grade :

Fall term, "Kenilworth," Scott. "Evangeline,"
 Longfellow.

Winter term, "Sketch Book," Irving. Longfellow's
 Shorter Poems.

Spring term, Webster's Orations, Dedication of Bunker
 Hill Monument, Landing of the Pilgrims, Adams
 and Jefferson, Tennyson's Shorter Poems.

In connection with the work in reading, the teachers have been requested to make the books read the basis of the work in composition. I well remember with what profound dissatisfaction, when a school boy, I heard the command from the teacher, "The class will write compositions on Summer," or some such kindred subject, and I also vividly recall the character of the compositions submitted for the teacher's examination. Children can write well and expressively, if they only have a definite knowledge of the thing written about, and after having read, critically, some poem or story like "The Courtship of Miles Standish" or "Ivanhoe," they will frequently surprise one with the good quality of their work in analyzing the characters, and in writing abstracts of the books studied.

The modern system of instruction, which discourages and forbids parrot-like repetitions of the pages of text-books, while correct in principle, tends to weaken the memory. As a corrector of that tendency teachers have been requested, during the past year, to require daily memorizing of one or more stanzas of some celebrated poem.

Some few years ago the old, time-honored "spelling-

book' went out of fashion, and it became the fad to teach spelling by selecting words from the reading or other lessons. During the past two years I have been watching the results in our schools, and I must say that I consider them very unsatisfactory. With the consent of the Committee, I shall return the spelling-book to its place in our schools, and demand that spelling be made the subject of distinctive teaching.

I desire to emphasize the necessity of a larger appropriation for supplies. Many of the books now in use, purchased years ago, are so worn and soiled as to be unfit for further service and should be discarded at once. The establishment of the ninth grade requires the purchase of new books, and the destruction at Elmwood about a year ago, by the Board of Health, of books supposed to be infected with scarlet fever germs, made a serious inroad upon our resources.

In my last report, I referred to the bill authorizing a State appropriation toward the support of public schools, commonly known as the "School Mill Tax Bill." That bill passed both the House of Representatives and the Senate, but the Governor of the Commonwealth, in his superior wisdom, saw fit to veto it. I am informed, on reliable authority, that the bill will be again introduced into the present legislature and pressed to a passage. I do not propose in any way to criticise the action of his excellency. I trust that he vetoed the bill because, in his judgment, it was for the best interests of the State, rather than, as some allege, because the bill was against the interests of Boston, Brookline and the tax-dodgers. I wish to state, however, that after a very deliberate consideration and discussion, the Legislature of last year saw fit to pass the bill. It met, then, with the approval of a great majority of the people of the

State. The Governor based his veto, not upon the unconstitutionality of the act, but upon—to him—its doubtful expediency. Upon a question of law and constitutionality, the opinion of the Governor, an able lawyer, should have much weight; upon the question of expediency, the opinion of the average intelligent voter should be of equal value. In his last inaugural address, the Governor convincingly argued for the equality of all citizens in matters of taxation, expressly declaring for the old Massachusetts idea that all taxation should be proportionate to the ability to pay. If he believes that taxation should be “proportionate and equal” how can he conscientiously oppose a bill whose sole purpose is to equalize the taxation for schools?

In a State whose government and institutions are based on the free will of its citizens, the education of the young becomes of the utmost importance to the common interests, for the State must deal with it not only as a judicious policy, but in a large measure as necessary to the continuance and perpetuity of the State itself; it must deal with education both as a matter of necessity for the common good, and as a question of expediency for the wholesome furtherance of that good; it must seek to educate the individual so that he may develop as a useful and reliable citizen, and thus contribute most to the common weal. Individual characters make up the character of the State, of which the individuals are the constituent parts.

In recognition of this principle, the State has established a system of schools for the training of its children and youth. The public school as an institution of the State, is intended not only to prepare the young to become useful as individuals, but to prepare them to become loyal citizens of the State. In her nursery of developing citizens, whose habits of thought and sentiment are in the stage of

formation, the State not only expects that the training will tend to habits of patriotic and loyal thoughts and sentiments, but ought to demand and does demand positive training in that direction.

In this light the State utters her commands to every city and town within her borders to maintain public schools, of such grades, in such numbers, and for such times as she deems best ; determines the qualifications of the teachers ; prescribes the branches to be taught, the mode of administration, and the means of securing attendance, and all this, that she may secure the prevalence of intelligence throughout her borders, without which she could not exist as a free and prosperous Commonwealth.

In Massachusetts the burden of supporting these schools, with the exception of a small amount from the State fund, given to the smallest towns, is at present imposed upon the separate municipalities without any regard to the difference in their ability. Obviously this method of supporting a State system of schools is equitable only when the several municipalities occupy such a position in respect to population and wealth, that the burden thus thrown upon one will press equally upon all.

Such was substantially the condition of things when our school system was originally established. In the homogeneous character of the people, in the similarity of occupations, (agriculture and the fisheries being the principal industries), were found the conditions of a substantial uniformity of worldly fortune, throughout the several towns of the colony, most favorable for the great experiment. During the periods of our colonial, provincial and constitutional history, until the close of the first quarter of the present century, these favorable conditions remained substantially the same. But these conditions no longer exist,

and the old method of supporting our schools has ceased to be equitable.

The introduction of great branches of manufacturing industry, which draw large masses of people to convenient centers, the vast increase of internal trade and external commerce, by means of our railroad systems, spreading like a network over our territory, and all converging to a few central points, have silently, yet wonderfully, changed the old order and relations of our municipalities to one another, and have given rise to such a disparity in the relation of their child population, to their conditions of wealth, as to render a marked inequality in the burdens imposed on the several cities and towns for the support of the schools of the Commonwealth.

An examination of the statistical tables, in the annual report of the Massachusetts Board of Education, will show an interesting exhibit of this disparity and inequality. For example, the statistical tables in the last annual report, show that while in the State as a whole, there is an average valuation of \$7,903 per pupil, some places have more than \$15,000, \$20,000, or even \$30,000 per pupil, while others have less than \$4,000, \$3,000, or even \$2,000 per pupil. It follows that while some towns have to tax themselves less than \$2.00, or even \$1.50 on the thousand, to obey the State's commands, others have to tax themselves \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, and even \$9.00 on a thousand, for the same purpose. For illustration, suppose a tax payer has \$10,000 of taxable property, if he lives in Manchester his annual contribution for educating the children of the State is \$12.00; in Brookline, \$18.90; in Milton, \$20.80; in Boston, \$20.70; in Malden, \$44.10; in Quincy, \$46.70; in Marlboro, \$52.00; in Attleboro, \$54.30; in North Attleboro, \$67.60; in Weymouth, \$72.80. In short, in 136

places, he would have to contribute for this purpose alone, in response to the State's commands, over \$50; in 60 over \$60; in 16 over \$70; in 9 over \$80; and in 4 over \$90.

To put it in another way, 30 rich cities and towns of the State have a total valuation of \$1,279,816,039, and an average school attendance of 86,484. The rest of the State has a valuation of \$1,262,532,944, with an average attendance of 235,201, or \$17,000,000 less wealth, and nearly three times the number of pupils. The property of the former contributes in taxes for the current expenses of the schools, for educating the children of the State \$2,777,293.65, and the latter, (the lesser half), \$5,513,582.44.

There are 37 other cities and towns that are just about on the average in wealth, and in their tax rates for schools, with an average attendance of 54,025 pupils. Leaving these out of the second class, as given above, we have 290 cities and towns left, with a valuation of \$895,724,092, and an average attendance of 181,176 pupils, and this part of the wealth of the State contributes \$4,196,939.67 for education.

Facts like the foregoing show that there is a wide disparity in the burdens which the present method of supporting our public schools imposes; that these burdens, borne not for the good of individuals or towns alone, but chiefly in furtherance of good citizenship and for the Commonwealth, should be, in some good measure, equalized.

To accomplish this end is the purpose of the bill in question. It is intended as a measure to enable the Commonwealth, as such, to share in the expense of supporting her schools.

The tax for which the bill provides, assessed on recent valuations, would yield not far from \$2,500,000 annually; and when distributed in the manner proposed, about \$6.00

to each child between five and fifteen years of age throughout the Commonwealth, or somewhat less than one-third of the aggregate expended for all public school purposes, exclusive of buildings and repairs.

East Bridgewater, with a tax rate for schools, in excess of the average for the State, would gain some \$1800 by the passage of the bill. It would gain because it ought to gain.

Educating its children for the benefit not of itself alone, but for the State (one-half of the male graduates of the East Bridgewater High school reside elsewhere) it should have the assistance of the State in supporting its schools.

It is manifestly unfair that East Bridgewater should be compelled to raise over \$6.00 per thousand for the support of public schools, while Nahant raises only \$1.05. Manchester, only \$1.21, Milton, only \$2.08 and Boston only \$2.07 per thousand.

I trust that, as last year, the town will, both by vote at its annual meeting and by the vote of its school Committee, instruct its representative and senator in the General Court to work for the passage of the bill.

Your Superintendent is of the opinion that the repairs for the past three years, have not kept pace with the needs. A wise economy would indicate the necessity of making all repairs seasonably instead of waiting until the condition of the buildings compel action. Prompt attention, even to minor repairs, is economy, as it tends to keep teachers and pupils reminded that the property of the town is to be suitably preserved and protected. When fences are allowed to fall to pieces, and school buildings are allowed to go for years without paint, a premium is offered for vandalism. I recognize that the funds at the disposal of the Committee have prevented them from making many desired and needed repairs, but I desire to suggest that the Committee recom-

mend a stated yearly appropriation, which will annually enable the Committee to paint at least two school houses and make other needed repairs. I suggest that the Committee appoint two of its members as a repair committee, and I especially desire to direct attention to the building at Eastville and to the portico of the High school building.

Appended is the report of the principal of the High school, also the new course of study for that school adopted, September, 1897.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the teachers for their faithful service, the committee for its cordial support, and the parents for their hearty co-operation and good will.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. C. HOWARD,

Superintendent of Schools,

East Bridgewater, Jan. 10, 1898.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

To Mr. George C. Howard, Superintendent of Schools :

A review of the work of the High school, for the year now closing, discloses no particular matters that call for explanation or remark. The year has been one of quiet, uninterrupted work, and as I think, of progress. No serious questions of discipline have arisen. I have tried to establish the principle, that, pupils old enough to attend the High school, are old enough to know what is right, and to do it. I consider a High school as a community in itself, in which pupils are to learn to govern themselves, as they will be expected to govern themselves in the larger community of the Commonwealth, when they become citizens.

As offenders against the peace of the Commonwealth are by some means put out of the way lest they continue to injure the State, so I believe that those pupils who *purposely* and *persistently* break reasonable requirements, or disturb the quiet of the school, should be removed until they are willing to conform to such requirements. The results of the enforcement of this principle, in several cases, seems to justify the stand I have taken.

The establishing of the ninth grade, reduced, as was expected, the number of pupils for this year. Beginning with the fall term, classes were organized in accordance with the revised courses of study, and the course has been followed thus far without discovering any inconsistencies.

I have heartily co-operated with you in your stand that pupils must show *fitness* for promotion before they can be advanced to higher classes. In thus doing I suspect I have given some occasion for dissatisfaction with the standings, which are, on the whole, lower than last year, I attribute this fact to the effort to bring the school to a higher standard. In no respect do I believe the quality of this year's work is inferior to that of the preceding years.

A literary society was formed in September to take charge of the rhetorical work of the school. It has held weekly meetings of about one hour each, and under its administration a fair degree of interest in what is usually the most disagreeable part of school life has been maintained. A marked improvement in declamation and composition was noticeable from the first, and I trust the improvement will continue.

A class of about twelve pupils, in mechanical drawing, has been formed. To start this class required an outlay of nearly two dollars per pupil, which amount each contributed. I state this fact as showing the interest taken in the work

and suggest that you consider the feasibility of making mechanical drawing a *requirement*.

In general drawing and in music very little has been done.

I believe the spirit and sentiment of the school is constantly becoming higher and better, and that with continued quiet persistence in our present aims, the school will soon rank among the first of its kind.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. BRAGDON, Principal,

East Bridgewater, Jan. 14, 1898.

EAST BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL.

COURSE OF STUDY.

FOUR YEARS' COURSE.

FALL TERM.	WINTER TERM	SPRING TERM.
5. Latin Lessons	Latin Lessons	Latin Lessons
5. Algebra	Algebra	Algebra
5. English { Grammar & Composition	English { Grammar & Analysis	English { Selected Amer. Authors
*5. Physical Geography	*Botany	*Botany

SECOND YEAR.

4. Cæsar	Cæsar	Cæsar
4. Algebra	Geometry	Geometry
4. English—Rhetoric	English { Study of Authors	English { Dramatic Shakespeare
4. History	History	History

THIRD YEAR.

4. Cicero or Virgil	Cicero or Virgil	Cicero or Virgil
4. French	French	French
4. Geometry	Review of Mathematics	Review of Mathematics
4. English—Shakespeare	English—Novelists	English { Lyric Poetry

FOURTH YEAR.

4. Virgil or Cicero	Virgil or Cicero	Virgil or Cicero
4. French	French	French
4. English—Literature	English—Literature	English—Literature
4. Physics, { including math. p.	Physics	Physics

*Elective. Theory of music compulsory.

General exercises in Civil Gov't will be given throughout the course

EAST BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL.

COURSE OF STUDY.

THREE YEARS' COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

FALL TERM.	WINTER TERM.	SPRING TERM.
5. Algebra	Algebra	Algebra
5. English { Grammar & Composition	English { Grammar & Analysis	English { Selected Amer. Authors
5. Physical Geog.	Botany	Botany

SECOND YEAR.

4. Algebra	Geometry	Geometry
4. English—Rhetoric	English { Study of Authors	English { Dramatists Shakespeare
4. History	History	History
4. French	French	French

THIRD YEAR.

4. English Literature	English Literature	English Literature
4. Physics { including math physics	Physics	Physics
4. Geometry	{ Chemistry	{ Chemistry
4. French	{ Review of Mathematics	{ Review of Mathematics
	French	French

LIST OF TEACHERS.

NAME.	WHEN ELECTED.	SCHOOL AND GRADE.
Fred. E. Bragdon.	Sept. 1896	Prin. High.
Mary E. Eaton.	" 1896	Ass't. "
Lydia R. Smith.	March 1897	" "
Maud L. Johnson.	Sept. 1895	Prin. Gram., VII., VIII.
Laura E. Johnson.	" 1895	Ass't. Gram.
Harriet N. Peterson.	March 1896	Cent. Int., IV., V., VI.
E. Isabelle Ramsdell.	Sept. 1895	Cent. Int., IV., V., VI.
Marion I. Bailey.	Nov. 1894	West Int., V., VI., VII.
Cora B. Crabtre.	Sept. 1895	" " IV., V., VI.,
Julia Mansfield.	March 1892	Beaver Int., IV., V., VII.
Lina S. Stowell.	Sept. 1896	" Prim., I., II., III.
Georgiana Calef.	May 1896	Elmwood Prim., I., II., III.
Mary Bailey.	Sept. 1896	Eastville, I.—VII.
Mary W. Wentworth.	" 1896	Satucket, I.—VI.
Phosie Bradford Peterson.	" 1895	Elmwood Int., IV., V., VII.
Mabel A. Hatch.	" 1896	Northville, I.—VII.
Hattie M. Wilber.	" 1897	Satucket, I.—VI.

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
EAST BRIDGEWATER
FOR THE YEAR 1898.



YARMOUTHPORT, MASS.:
FRED. HALLETT & Co., STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.
1899.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1898.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor,
HENRY GURNEY, SAMUEL C. WHITE, EZRA S. WHITMARSH.

Town Clerk and Collector of Taxes, FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer, JARVIS BURRELL.

Auditor, N. FRANK DUNPHE.

School Committee, EDWARD T. MORSE, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR,
for three years, ALICE R. ALLEN, ROBERT O. HARRIS, for
two years, SUSAN B. DUNPHE, FANNIE M. SHAW, for one
year.

Superintendent of School, FRANK O. JONES.

Superintendent of Street, WILLIAM T. GREENE.

Board of Health, ERNEST W. MITCHELL, three years, ALLAN
L. SHIRLEY, M. D., two years, WM. T. GREENE, one year.

Trustees of Public Library, EDMUND W. NUTTER, MARY H.
RUST, for three years, ISAAC N. NUTTER, WILLIAM H.
TAYLOR, for two years, ALICE E. STRONG, Rev. CLARENCE
LATHBURY, for one year.

Constables, CHARLES W. ADAMS, EDWARD E. EDSON, WILLIAM T.
GREENE, GEORGE B. HOWLAND, ROBERT J. MITCHELL,
EDWARD A. PORTER, T. S. H. ROUNSVILLE.

Fence Viewers, JAMES PENDERGRAST, EDWARD A. PORTER.

Field Drivers, WELLINGTON CALDWELL, FRANK A. BIRD.

Town Hall Committee, GEORGE F. LOMBARD, CHARLES A. MILLS,
CORNELIUS L. VOSMOS.

Registrars of Voters, AMOS HUNTING, for three years, ARTHUR G.
WATERMAN, for two years, FRED. E. FULLER, for one year,
FRANK SMITH, ex-officio Clerk.

Fire Engineers, IRVING HORTON, Chief, MINOT S. CURTIS, Clerk,
JOSHUA DEAN, LEVI A. BAKER, WILLIAM T. GREEN, T. S. H.
ROUNSEVILLE.

Weighers, GEO. W. ALGER, WILLIAM EDSON, THOMAS H. PERKINS.
Surveyors of Lumber, ARTHUR C. CHURCHILL, JOSHUA DEAN
HOSEA HATHAWAY.

Measurers of Wood, WILLIAM B. HALL, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR.

Sealer of Weights and Measurers, JARVIS BURRILL.

Inspector of Meats and Cattle, STRELLMAN W. WARD.

Pound Keeper, HENRY W. SEARS.

Town Physician, WALTER H. ADAMS, M. D.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1898.

Schools,	\$6,650 00	
Text Books,	625 00	
School Incidentals,	325 00	
Seperintendent's Salary,	350 00	
Music Teacher,	175 00	
Transportation,	475 00	
Minor Repairs,	150 00	
Repairs at Eastville,	180 00	
Repairs at High School,	75 00	
Well at Eastville,	100 00	
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		\$9,105 00
Highways,	\$3000 00	
Bridges,	500 00	
Sidewalks,	400 00	
Removal of Snow,	400 00	
Building Oak Street,	600 00	
Street Lights,	475 00	
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		5,375 00
Support of Poor,	\$3,000 00	
Soldiers' Relief,	500 00	
Military Aid,	150 00	
Memorial Day,	100 00	
Incidental Expenses,	500 00	
Town Officers,	1,300 00	
Water Supply,	1.125 00	
Fire Department,	500 00	
Public Library,	500 00	
Shelves for Library,	100 00	
Police service etc.,	250 00	
Board of Health,	50 00	
Town Treasurer, Ex. Expenses,	30 00	
Repairs on Town Hall,	300 00	
Heating of Almshouse,	225 00	
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		\$8,630 00
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		\$23,110 00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

E. B. Savings Bank, note,	\$4000 00
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ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury,	3,143 72
Taxes uncollected 1896-7-8,	1,489 52
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	\$4,633 24

Feb. 4, '99,

LIST OF JURORS AS PROPOSED BY SELECTMEN.

Allen, George W.	Salesman.
Allen, James S.	Manufacturer.
Benson, Walter L.	Stable Keeper
Blanchard, William J.	Farmer.
Brett, Royal T.	Mason.
Brown, George E.	Shoemaker.
Churchill, Arthur C.	Lawyer.
Churchill, Luther	Farmer.
Churchill, Newton	Salesman.
Clark, Charles F.	Foreman.
Crocker, Walter	Retired.
Curtis, Minot S.	Painter.
Duane, William M.	Machinist.
Gurney, David W.	Farmer.
Harris, William T.	Carpenter.
Jones, Joseph D.	Box Manufacturer.
Keith, Herbert C.	Farmer.
Keith, Samuel	Bank President.
Keith, Zebina	Retired Manufacturer.
Latham, A. Harris	Farmer.
Lothrop, Waldo P.	Shoemaker.
Lombard, George F.	Carpenter.
Lyons, Michael H.	Machinist.
†Nutter, Charles L.	Draughtsman.
†Paine, Howard	Machinist.
Parker, Alfred B.	Machinist.

Pendergrast, James
Pratt, Charles W.
Porter Francis W.
Shaw, Lester B.
Trow, Fred E.
Ward, Eliab N.
Washburn, Noah A.
White, William H.

Iron Worker.
Shoemaker.
Machinist.
Photographer.
Clerk.
Butcher.
Farmer.
Machinist.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

Orders have been drawn in favor of the following
persons :

STATE AID, CHAP. 561, ACTS OF 1898.

Ethel M. Churchill,	\$8 00
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STATE AID, CHAP. 301 ACTS OF 1894.

Henry W. Bird,	\$48 00
Andrew G. Blackman,	32 00
Algernon S. Brett,	36 00
Henry Burns,	48 00
John Carroll,	36 00
Sarah M. Caswell,	48 00
Francis B. Chamberlain,	48 00
Wiseman W. Chaplin,	12 00
Henry Cook,	36 00
Bridget Duane,	3 00
David W. Duane,	26 00
George R. Dyer,	48 00
Helen M. Dyer,	48 00
Hannah S. Dyson,	48 00
William A. Dyson,	36 00
Francis R. Flagg,	36 00
Mary J. Fuller,	12 00
Samuel Gammell,	6 00

Betsey A. Hale,	24 00
Eliza J. Hamilton,	48 00
Luther Harden,	44 00
Noah T. Harding,	48 00
Edward F. Hassett,	36 00
Jacob P. Hill,	36 00
Rebecca Hinckley,	48 00
Joshua Hollis,	48 00
Augustus M. Howe,	72 00
Julia H. Howe,	48 00
Clarissa K. Howland,	48 00
Alonzo W. Leach,	48 00
Henry A. Osborne,	72 00
Nancy W. Pratt,	48 00
Catharine Quigley,	24 00
Nathan Reed,	72 00
Henry B. Rogers,	8 00
Ezra F. Sampson,	36 00
Wm S. Sampson,	60 00
Zenas W. Sturtevant,	48 00
Thankful O. Trow,	24 00
Seldom M. Washburn,	36 00
Lizzie D. Whitman,	2 00
Mariah A. Whitman,	48 00
Joseph M. Whitman,	28 00
Abigail K. Winsor,	32 00

Due from State.

\$1,701 00

MILITARY AID, CHAP 279, ACTS OF 1894.

Ferender C. Negus,	\$144 00
John McAvin,	120 00
Joseph M. Whitman,	18 00

\$282 00

One-half due from State.		\$141 00
Appropriation,	\$150 00	
Unexpended,	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$141 00

SOLDIERS RELIEF, CHAP. 447, ACTS OF 1890.

Mary A. E. Atwood,	\$107 00	
Henry W. Bird,	13 00	
George R. Dyer,	62 63	
Eliza J. Hamilton,	6 75	
Rebecca Hinckley,	36 00	
Agustus M. Howe,	23 00	
Lydia A. Magoun,	48 00	
John McAvin,	68 00	
Henry A. Osborne,	14 00	
Ella F. Wentworth	96 00	
Eliza C. Worthington,	29 11	
Agustus B. Vickery,	12 25	
	<hr/>	\$515 74
Appropriation,	500 00	
Overdrawn,*	15 74	
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MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid E. E. Fdson, Q. M. Post 124	
G. A. R.	\$100 00
Appropriation.	100 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid I. N. Nutter, treas. of trustees,	\$600 00
Appropriation,	600 00
Paid B. W. Harris and I. N. Nutter, unpaid bills	
on Library Building,	\$339 00
No Appropriation.	

WATER SUPPLY.

36 Hydrants,	\$1,080 00	
Central St. Trough,	19 54	
Balance on Satucket Trough,	9 62	
Moving Hydrants,	11 80	
Unexpended,	4 04	
	————	\$1,125 00
Appropriation,		1,125 00

HIGHWAYS, ETC.

Paid Approved bills of Road Com.	\$81 64	
Expended by Selectmen,	14 52	
Orders to Superintendent of Sts.,	5,004 19	
	————	\$5,100 35
For Highways,	\$3,000 00	
Bridges,	500 00	
Sidewalks,	400 00	
Oak street,	600 00	
From Co. Commissioners,	400 00	
	————	\$4,900 00
Overdrawn,		200 35

REMOVAL OF SNOW.

Paid Approved bills of Road Com.,	\$250 97	
Orders to Superintendent of Sts.,	777 00	
	————	\$1,027 97
Appropriation,	\$400 00	
Received from B. W. and R. R. R.	107 30	
Due from B. and E. B. R. R.	93 35	
Deficiency,	427 37	
	————	\$1,027 97

STREET LIGHTING.

Paid Approved bills of Road Com.		\$ 50 96
A. S. Brett,		2 00
W. K. Churchill,		2 72
L. A. Flagg,		14 22
W. W. Houghton,		60 50
A. E. Howe,		141 52
A. Hunting,		71 28
W. K. Lyon,		32 00
R. A. Parker,		4 50
S. A. Rich,		4 85
Chas. Soule,		8 00
C. T. Ward,		16 50
G. M. Webber,		75 89
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		\$484 94
Appropriation,	\$475 00	
Overdrawn,	9 91	
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Minot S. Curtis, Treas.,	\$500 00
Appropriation,	500 00

REPAIRS ON TOWN HALL.

Paid Joshua Dean, lumber and nails,	\$110 81
P. W. Poole, labor shingling,	69 12
M. S. Curtis, painting, etc.,	128 75
J. M. Whiting, repairing chimney,	5 50
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	\$314 18
Appropriation,	\$300 00
Overdrawn,	14 18
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	\$314 18

HEATING ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Geo. M. Webber, Furnace and setting,	\$225 00
Appropriation,	225 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid W. B. Chamberlain, Repairing Pump,	75
F. S. Howard, return of deaths,	2 25
F. Hallett & Co., printing reports,	93 10
H. G. Hill, damage on highway,	29 50
E. S. Whitemash, Insurance Town House,	24 30
S. Shaw, Treasurer Elmwood Cemetery,	2 00
L. Wade, painting Rogers house,	27 75
C. C. Gin Co., repairing safe,	1 28
H. Gurney, distributing reports	5 00
“ railroad fares,	3 66
“ Fees County Treasurer,	3 00
“ postage,	2 50
	<hr/> \$14 16
F. E. Fuller & Co., blank books,	35
E. B. Savings Bank, rent of office,	150 00
M. S. Curtis, painting safe,	6 95
G. M. Webber, drain pipe,	99 96
H. M. Thompson, damage on highway,	45 00
Jarvis Burrell, expense of Town Seal,	\$21 10
Jarvis Burrell, postage and supplies,	5 94
“ “ postals and printing,	43 25
	<hr/> \$70 29
F. M. Shaw, copying valuation list,	20 00
Town of Hanson, tax,	24
Town of Whitman, tax,	19 20
S. W. Churchill, copying Franchise,	1 15

Geo. F. Lombard, labor on Booths,	3 00	
Geo. Hudson, service as Janitor,	12 20	
Alger & Co., moving safe and express,	6 75	
Sam'l C. White, distributing reports,	\$5 00	
“ “ horse hire,	5 00	
“ “ railroad fares,	2 70	
“ “ postage,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$13 70
W. S. Prophett, return of deaths,	3 00	
W. H. Adams, M. D., return of births,	3 25	
E. S. Whitmarsh, railroad fares,	5 95	
“ “ telephone,	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$7 70
M. L. Webber, horse, E. S. W.,	3 50	
E. T. Morse, railroad fares,	1 20	
G. H. Watson, M. D., return of births,	1 50	
Howard Clark & Co., return of deaths,	2 50	
L. Holbrook & Son, return of deaths,	1 75	
C. L. McConn, “ “ “	1 50	
F. S. Howard, “ “ “	1 00	
Geo. Hunt, M. D., “ “ births,	1 00	
A. L. Shirley, M. D., “ “ “	4 75	
Frank Smith, postage, express, sta- tionery, etc.,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$684 53
Appropriation,	500 00	
Overdrawn,	184 53	
	<hr/>	684 53

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid H. T. Gardner, painting cart,	\$6 00	
Geo. M. Webber, supplies,	5 65	
W. E. Fay, printing,	4 25	
James Roach, labor,	5 00	
Wm. H. Shaw, repairing pump,	3 00	
Edgar L. Clark, labor,	2 00	
Frank Smith, sulphur candles,	3 00	
Frank Hobart, storage,	\$5 00	
Unexpended,	16 10	
	<hr/>	\$50 00
Appropriation,		\$50 00

POLICE SERVICE AND SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid R. T. Mitchell, police duty,	\$73 80	
E. A. Porter, " "	3 00	
E. E. Edson, " "	70 20	
Wm. T. Greene, " "	3 00	
T. S. H. Rounsville, police duty,	7 50	
Unexpended,	92 50	
	<hr/>	\$250 00
Appropriation,		\$250 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid N. F. Dunphe, ser. as auditor,	\$15 00	
P. M. Churchill, ser. as teller,		
March 7,	1 50	
James P. Foley, " " "		
March 7,	1 50	
Jarvis Burrell, ex. ser. as treasurer, 1897,	30 00	
Wm. T. Greene, " " inspec-		
tor,	\$54 25	

Wm. T. Greene, of Health,	“ on Board	3 75	
		————	\$58 00
W. H. Adams, physician,	“ as town		100 00
E. E. Edson, stable, etc.,	“ “ con-		28 00
E. W. Mitchell, of Health,	“ on Board		35 15
S. W. Ward, tor,	“ as inspec-		65 00
A. G. Waterman,	“ “ registrar,		15 00
F. E. Fuller,	“ “ “		15 00
A. Hunting,	“ “ “	\$15 00	
“ “	“ “ ballot		
clerk,		1 25	
		————	\$16 25
H. H. Thorndike, clerk,	“ “ “		1 50
W. O. Vinton, Nov. 8,	“ “ teller,		2 50
Jarvis Burrell,	“ “ treasurer,		150 00
H. Gurney, man, assessor, etc.,	“ “ select-		252 50
S. C. White, man, assessor, etc.,	“ “ select-		156 25
E. S. Whitmarsh, man, assessor, etc.,	“ “ select-	\$102 25	
E. S. Whitmarsh, erator,	“ “ mod-	4 00	
		————	\$106 25
E. T. Morse, school committee,	“ treasurer		20 00

A. L. Shirley, M. D., sev. on Board of Health,		\$39 65
Frank Smith, agt. for Board of Health,	10 00	
“ “ sev as town clerk,	49 00	
“ “ recording births, mar- riages and deaths,	35 65	
“ “ collection of taxes,	259 06	
	<hr/>	353 71

TRUST FUNDS.

LATHAM FUND.

Amount of fund,		\$500 00
The interest from this fund for the year has been		\$20 00
Paid, Labor on Hedge,	\$ 4 62	
Balance on Satucket Trough,	15 38	
	<hr/>	\$20 00

ALDEN FUND.

Amount of Fund,		\$2,625 00
Amount on deposit Jan. 1, 1898,		2,644 72
Disbursed during the year,	\$192 00	
Amount on deposit, Jan. 1, 1899,		\$2,555 83

The calls upon this fund have been very frequent and we have reduced the fund \$69.17 which must be replaced before more can be disbursed.

CROSSMAN AND WHITMAN FUND.

Amount of fund,		\$2,000 00
Interest for year,	\$80 80	
Under the direction of the Supt. of Sts. we have expended the following sums :		
Lane and Sons, Crushed Stone,	\$50 50	

George L. Chamberlain, labor,	3 40	
Wm. B. Chamberlain, “	3 00	
Edgar L. Clark, “	4 00	
Dennis Curran, “	1 75	
M. Feeney, Jr., “	1 75	
Wm. T. Greene, “	3 00	
Francis LaClare, “	2 00	
Mary F. Parker, gravel,	2 40	
James Roach, labor,	4 00	
Michael F. Roach, “	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$80 80

JOHNSON FUND.

Amount of fund,	\$1,500 00
The interest from which the Treasurer has drawn and paid to Trustees of the Public Library.	

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT FUND.

Amount on deposit Jan. 1, 1898,	\$178 47
Interest for year,	7 08
We have expended as follows :	
S. N. Seribner, labor on lot and walks,	\$2 25
M. S. Curtis, painting fence,	3 75
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	6 00
Amount on deposit Jan. 3d, 1899,	\$179 55

EXPENSES ON OAK STREET.

OAK STREET,	DR.	
To Labor,	\$1,143	41
Material,	14	51
Blacksmithing,	3	80
Care of Lanterns and Oil,	2	02
Telephone,		25
Repairs on Plow,		45
1022 Sq. yds. gravel at 50 cts.,	51	10
Gravel bought of A. W. Blanchard,	2	00
One Princess Road Plow with wheel,	22	50
One Princess Road Plow Point,	3	25
Bolts for same,		20
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	\$1,243	19
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By half value of Plow,	\$11	25
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Expended in 1897,		\$1,231 94
		73 74
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Total Expense,		\$1,305 68

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Value of real estate taxed,	\$1,185,194 00
“ “ personal estate taxed,	233,366 00
No of Polls taxed,	877 00
Town grants,	\$23,110 00
State Tax,	885 00
Grade crossing,	438 08
County Tax,	2,250 18
	<hr/> \$26,683 26
Estimate from State,	2,000 00
	<hr/> \$24,683 26
Overlay,	901 89
	<hr/> \$25,585 15
Tax on \$1,185,194 at \$16.80 per \$1000,	
	\$19,911 26
“ “ 233,366 “ “ “ “	3,920 55
“ “ 877 Polls at \$2, each,	1,754 00
	<hr/> \$25,585 81
Taxed on real estate,	\$19,910 50
“ “ personal estate,	3,920 65
“ “ 877 Polls,	1,754 00
Loss by fractions,	66
	<hr/> \$25,585 81
Subsequently assessed,	4 00
Total commitment,	\$25,589 81

No. of Houses in Town,	664
“ “ Acres “ “	9,772
“ “ Horses taxed,	454
“ “ Cows “	545
“ “ Other cattle taxed,	69
“ “ Swine “	41
“ “ Hens “	1,653

ABATEMENTS.

Elizabeth Siddall, exemption,	\$8 40
James Munroe, “	8 40
Frank Smith, Collector, on taxes of 1896,	\$6 00
“ “ “ “ “	31 19
“ “ “ “ “	136 88
	———— 174 07
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	\$190 87

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid M. S. Curtis, paint,		\$ 8 89
A. Hunting, groceries,		359 79
J. M. Whiting, repairs,		7 00
H. W. Sears, warden,		425 00
E. N. Ward, meat,		197 57
G. M. Webber, horse, cart, etc.,	\$120 00	
“ “ mowing machine,	37 00	
“ “ harness & supplies,	100 38	
		<hr/> 257 38
H. Hathaway, ice, 1897,		20 00
H. E. Marble, ice, 1898,		27 28
M. F. Roach, pumping cesspool,		15 00
F. E. Fuller & Co., supplies,		21 40
Greene and Gurney, fertilizer,	\$16 25	
“ “ three cows,	90 00	
		<hr/> 106 25
Joshua Dean, grain,	172 21	
“ “ coal,	76 67	
		<hr/> 248 88
Chas. Downs, labor, haying,		10 20
A. T. Hatch, “ “		8 80
J. Beard, “ “		28 80
Ed. O'Donnell, “ “		35 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, clothing,		35 75
J. W. Sturtevant, blacksmithing,		37 41
		<hr/> \$1,850 40

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Received from Town of Whitman,	\$156 00	
Cash paid Treasurer,	10 62	
		\$166 62

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1898,	\$ 40 73	
Received for hay,	16 96	
bull,	10 50	
beef,	8 25	
calves,	14 50	
hide,	4 00	
squashes,	15 00	
milk,	69 25	
eggs,	72	
from town of Whitman,	17 00	
		\$196 91

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Paid for labor,	\$49 50	
on acc't,	9 00	
for painting,	4 60	
fruit,	7 80	
groceries,	4 50	
cheese,	3 43	
seed potatoes, etc.,	10 14	
clothing,	6 76	
bread, etc.,	10 00	
supplies,	7 33	
fish,	11 94	
sundries,	4 25	
expense for Mrs. Bates,	32 77	
papers,	3 00	
Cash on hand December 31,	31 89	
		\$196 91

There has been no change of inmates for the year, none have died or been discharged and none admitted ; the present number of inmates is 11, all having been there the entire year except one of them was away for a few weeks.

SUPPORT AT INSANE ASYLUMS.

Paid Taunton Insane Asylum support of		
Charles M. Brown,		\$77 60
Died June 12. 1898.		
Worcester Insane Asylum support of		
Ellen A. Edson,	\$169 45	
Support of Catharine Rogers,	169 48	
	————	\$338 93
Paid Medfield Insane Asylum, support of		
Hannah Clarity,	\$146 25	
Support of Robert Washburn,	146 00	
	————	\$292 25
		————
		\$708 78

OUTSIDE AID.

Paid City of Brockton,	\$105 44	
Geo. N. Holmes & Co., coal,	12 50	
Aid, Annie M. Bunker and children,	————	\$117 94
Alden L. Darling, aid to self,		10 00
J. W. Quinby, aid to Mrs. Delano,		6 50
Susan E. Dunbar, aid to self and children,		156 00
W. H. Adams, M. D., aid to Chas. E. Fisher and family,		24 50
C. W. Brown, groceries,	\$13 25	
John Hobart, coal,	3 38	
C. E. Barrows, milk,	3 72	

F. C. Drake, meat,	\$5 88	
Br. Water Co., water,	2 00	
E. S. Whitmarsh, clothing,	7 50	
W. S. Prophett, burial,	20 00	
Aid to Joseph Little,		\$55 73
Geo. W. Alger, care of,	\$2 00	
E. S. Whitmarsh, clothing,	1 65	
W. H. Adams, M. D., care,	2 00	
Aid to John Pinckney,	————	\$5 65
Geo. N. Holmes & Co., coal,	\$12 55	
Minnie W. Porter, aid to self and children,	96 00	
	————	\$108 55
Town of W. Bridgewater, aid to Mary Hathaway and children,		5 90
Town of Rockland,	\$2 00	
Elmer W. Noyes, groceries,	3 00	
C. P. Slack & Co., wood,	1 00	
Aid to Herbert L. Ramsdell,	————	\$6 00
Julia A. Reed, aid to self and children,		104 00
C. W. Browne, groceries,	\$26 05	
John Hobart, coal,	1 00	
E. J. Hutchins, meat,	1 57	
D. W. Gurney, wood,	5 00	
E. S. Whitmarsh, clothing,	9 25	
Aid to Chas. E. Scott & family,	————	\$42 87
C. W. Browne, groceries,		
Aid to Lyman C. Shaw,		\$9 37
Gilmore Bros., groceries, etc.,	69 10	
Geo. N. Holmes & Co., coal,	5 85	
Aid Mrs. Stoddard and children,		\$74 95
Josephine M. Sears,		

Aid Susan E. Tuck & children,		\$130 00
Sarah J. Mowry,		
Aid to Laura Washburn,	\$78 00	
F. O. Keith, groceries,	\$110 03	
John Hobart, coal,	24 48	
F. E. Fuller & Co., clothing,	4 04	
E. S. Whitmarsh, clothing,	11 90	
L. Holbrook & Son, burial,	\$15 00	
Aid to Michael White & Children.	-----	\$165 54
A. A. Reed, nursing,	\$32 50	
Town of Pembroke, Dr's bill,	20 75	
Aid to Lila Worthington,	-----	\$53 25
Town of Whitman,		
Aid to Alonzo A. Pratt,		7 50
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		\$1,160 16

TRAMP HOUSE.

Paid George F. Lombard, repairs,	\$1 50	
George M. Webber, supplies,	95	
D. W. Gurney, wood,	30 50	
T. S. H. Rounsville, supplies,	8 35	
“ “ “ “ care of 1337		
tramps,	334 25	
	-----	\$375 55
Almshouse,	\$1,850 40	
Outside,	1,177 16	
Insane,	722 71	
Tramps,	375 55	
	-----	\$4,125 82

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Paid Treasurer,	\$39 55
Charge to Whitman,	156 00
“ “ West Bridgewater,	180 50

"	"	Raynham,	130	00	
"	"	Hingham,	112	68	
"	"	State Paupers,	99	29	
"	"	Marshfield,	112	00	
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Net cost of support of poor, \$3,295 80

Respectfully Submitted,

HENRY GURNEY,
SAML C. WHITE,
E. S. WHITMARSH,

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

SUMMARY.

State aid,	\$1,701 00
Military aid,	282 00
Soldiers relief,	515 74
Memorial Day,	100 00
Public Library,	939 00
Water supply,	1,102 04
Highways, bridges, etc.,	5,109 17
Removal of snow,	1,023 77
Street lighting,	484 94
Fire Department,	500 00
Repairs on Town Hall,	314 18
Heating almshouse,	225 00
Incidental expenses,	698 58
Board of Health,	33 90
Suppression of crime and police,	157 50
Town officers and Committee.	1,462 76
Abatement of taxes,	190 87
Almshouse account,	1,850 40
Support of insane,	722 71
Outside aid,	1,177 16
Tramp house,	375 55
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Total amount of orders drawn,	\$18,966 27

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

There has been paid out for labor and material as follows :

Adam, Thomas	\$1 30
Adam, William	1 10
Alexander, John	80
Alger, Geo. W.	21 33
Alger & Co's Express,	2 60
Alger, Charles W.	2 00
Allen, J. S. gravel,	4 38
Andrews, Clifford,	1 70
Andrews, S. K.	1 20
Barrows, E. P.	3 60
Barrett, Patrick	123 18
Bates, George E.	2 56
Beard, James A.	8 48
Beard, John	4 00
Benson, Walter L.	246 90
Benson, A. K.	1 50
Bigelow, A. F.	1 80
Blanchard, Arthur	80
Blanchard, Augustus W., gravel,	2 00
Bosworth, J. F.	1 80
Boden, Charles,	67
Bouldry, James	1 80
Bouldry, Thaddeus M.	1 80
Bradford, A. T.	4 36
Breck, Joseph & Son	29 20
Brown, Charles E.	2 00

Brown, John E.	\$6 40
Burdeau, Joseph,	4 00
Burdeau, Walter	4 00
Burgess, John	24 65
Burnier, Fred	16 33
Burke, James S.	2 40
Burke, William	2 40
Cannou, John	1 50
Carr, Elmer T.	1 00
Carr, Roger,	10 60
Chamberlain, Wm. B.	183 15
Chamberlain, Geo. L.	291 33
Clark, E. L.	1 70
Clark, Edgar L.	23 69
Cole, Eugene A	7 20
Cook, James F.	5 70
Cunningham, John	4 10
Cunningham, James	2 17
Cunningham, Charles	3 33
Curran, Dennis	211 30
Curran, Bartley;	73 15
Dabble, John	7 45
Dean, Joshua, lumber, etc.,	81 83
Devel, Manuel	7 20
Dillon, James,	16 72
Dobby, Joseph	24 69
Downes, Charles	3 70
Dwans, David W.	41 20
Duane, Andy	91 32
Eastman, John S.	10 93
Edson, Herbert	18 78
Edson, Herbert, gravel,	2 05
E. T. Ellis and Son, gravel,	3 25
Emmonds, Geo. W.	9 40

Feeney, John M.	2 20
Feeney, Michael F.	14 00
Feeney, Michael, Jr.,	224 09
Fields, P. F.	4 60
Fields, C. H.	1 60
Fisher, Charles E.	7 48
Fitzgerald, Patrick	10 12
Foley, Patrick,	28 68
Foley, William,	6 20
Foster, William C.	3 30
French, Geo. L.	2 60
Fullerton, C. C.	1 60
Fuller, Izadus,	80
Fuller, Percy D.	4 80
Furtier, Joseph,	7 70
Gaffeny, William H.,	2 00
Gardner, Clarence,	2 00
Gardner, Henry,	2 00
Gilbert, J. S.,	1 50
Greene, William,	18 50
Greene, W. T.,	498 00
Greene, W. T., man and horse,	116 71
Greene, William A.,	2 70
Gurney, Henry,	3 50
Gurney, David W.,	268 38
Gurney, David W., Gravel,	23 66
Gurney, David W., Posts,	9 15
Hagan, John,	2 40
Hall, B. B.	68 74
Harden, N. T.,	35 38
Harden, Lester,	14 97
Hatch, F. R.,	7 06
Hatch, Isaac T.,	8 40
Hatch, Leon,	1 10

Hayward, Leonard,	\$3 50
Hayward, George F.	1 07
Hennessey, Michael,	42 61
Hennessey, Morris,	3 40
Hersey, Wm. W.	14 67
Hobart, Henry,	5 00
Hollis, W. H.	1 80
Holmes, Geo. W.	7 20
Holmes, Roy A.	9 72
Howard, E. A.	14 74
Howe, A. Everett,	33 06
Howland, Geo. B.	2 00
Howland, Geo. S.	1 50
Horton, Irving,	2 50
Houghton, W. W.	26 51
Humble, Newton,	2 00
Jones, Charles A.	10 92
Jones, Wilfred A.	50 46
Joselyn, A. Herman	1 10
Joy, F. J.	5 25
Kane, John,	4 00
Keene, W. F.	16 78
Keith, Samuel	38 04
Keith, H. C.	26 06
Keith, H. C., stone,	10 50
Keith, H. C., posts and rails,	12 40
Keith, Geo. M., gravel,	50
Keith, Frank W.	3 30
Keith, F. O.	53
Keith, Fred L.	21 19
Kelley, L. A.	34 51
King, John	1 70
Leach, E.	6 61
LeClare, Francis	50 51

Lenscog, Olaf, gravel,	2 00
Leonard, Herman,	40
Lincoln, Adeline, gravel,	2 05
Lombard, Geo. F.	6 75
Luddy, Patrick	19 25
Mahoney, J. L.	70 32
Mahoney, James	3 70
Marble, Harry C.	9 55
McDermott, Geo. E.	79 69
McDermott, John	7 60
McGrath, James	23 53
McGuire, Thomas	29 75
McKensie, S. R.	84 86
Micheau, Fred	28 19
Micheau, Joseph	25 30
Morrison, F. M.	24 75
Murphy, Timothy,	93 62
Murphy, Patrick,	14 78
Nolan, Patrick.	1 75
Nolan, Thomas,	1 60
Noyes, Daniel W.	4 41
Noyes, Daniel W., gravel,	4 44
O'Brien, Thomas	50 73
O'Brien, J. L.	2 40
O'Hearn, John	2 63
Packard, Joseph	2 00
Parker, Mary F., gravel,	2 40
Pendy, Adelbert,	1 40
Perry, Z. A.	30 13
Peterson, Victor	1 40
Phelps, Harvey	2 00
Powell, G. M.	12 90
Pratt, Eugene F.	2 00
Pratt, Walter S.	24 02

Pratt, David H., gravel,	55
Pratt, Burton	80
Quimby, F. A.	24 05
Ramsdell, W. G.	1 60
Ramsdell, N. M.	1 40
Reed, John B.	46 19
Reed, Charles	19 66
Reed, Freeman	60
Reed, Sidney	2 40
Reed, H. A.	1 60
Repairs,	95
Richards, W. S.	1 80
Roach, James,	494 96
Roach, Michael	94 10
Sampson, Ezra F.	1 87
Sandridge, Geo. W.	18 41
Sanford, Edward	87 03
Seaver, James R.	3 10
Sharpe, Chester S.	46 16
Sharpe, W. E.	4 40
Shaw, Charles	11 47
Shaw, James A.	2 10
Shepherd, Paul	4 00
Shepherd, Henry	1 80
Shepherd, John	2 20
Simes, Thos. O.	2 70
Sisson, L. E.	1 56
Sites, Geo.	3 69
Smith, Chas. E.	42 27
Smith, Geo. W.	2 60
Steinhoue, W. E.	1 30
Stevens, H. L.	1 75
Stevens, Russell C.	21 59
Stiles, J. D.	37 73

Sturtevant, J. W.	7 10	
Sturtevant, Geo. H.	70 11	
Sumner, Charles	2 40	
Thompson, F. W.	65 12	
Thompson & Johnson,	17 78	
Thrasher, Daniel W.	60	
Thrasher, Geo. I.	3 00	
Tyler & Co., repairs on road machine,	16 00	
Valade, J. Leon	16 00	
Washburn, Austin,	4 30	
Waterman, J. H.	3 20	
Waterman, B. B.	2 60	
Webber, Geo. M.	100 14	
Welch, Patrick	101 96	
West, L. F.	3 50	
Westerburg, Edward	1 40	
White, William	6 03	
White, F. T.	25 33	
White, Schuyler	2 00	
Whitman, C. S.	3 45	
Wilder, Matthew	6 00	
Willis, Galen	92 20	
Willis, Galen, gravel,	36 64	
Wixson, Charles W.	3 94	
Wood, Geo. I.	3 40	
Worcester, Horace	13 56	
	<hr/>	\$5,811 49

Received from the Selectmen :

Orders for highways, bridges, etc., \$5,004 19

“ “ removal of snow, 777 00

Cash from Crossman & Whitman

Fund, 30 30

\$5,811 49

Expended on bridges about \$250 00

And upon sidewalks about 400 00

FIRE ENGINEERS' REPORT FOR 1898.

Paid each company \$50 00,	\$100 00
Mrs. Albert Harden, for land,	100 00
Recording deed,	70
James Roach, for teams,	20 00
F. A. Quimby, repairs on truck,	9 00
Fire at Geo. E. Rollins'	32 00
Woods fire,	25 30
Est. W. K. Churchill, sundries	5 54
Repairs on hose houses,	12 50
Joshua Dean, lumber,	5 52
F. C. Drake, sundries,	2 50
I. N. Nutter, tenement fire,	5 25
M. L. Webber, fire,	115 80
Janitor service,	47 65
Wrench for truck,	1 00
L. A. Flagg, for oil, etc.,	5 96
E. J. Hutchings, oil, etc.,	55
E. S. Whitmarsh, small hose,	4 50
Clarence Gardner, Sturtevant fire,	2 00
F. C. Drake, oil, etc,	2 98
	<hr/> \$498 75
Appropriation,	\$500 00
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Available,	\$500 00
Amount expended,	498 75
On hand Jan. 1, 1899,	1 25

The companies have been called out to two fires in dwelling houses, one barn, two woods fires, and been out on practice once each month from April to November.

M. S. CURTIS, Clerk.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

Cash on hand, January 1, 1898,	\$16 02	
Feb. 4, received from Unitarian Ent. Com.,	7 00	
Apr. 12, received from I. & Social Club,	10 00	
May 5, " " dance,	10 00	
Apr. 15, " " St. John Society,	10 00	
June 3, " " A. O. O. H.,	12 00	
Nov. 25, " " A. O. O. H.,	5 00	
Dec. 28, " " High School reunion,	5 00	
Dec. 28, " " Interest,	64	
	————	\$75 66
Bills paid.		
Mar. 11, paid repairs on steps,	50	
May 1, " Bosworth Bros.,	2 25	
9, " Cleaning hall,	12 80	
July 6, " C. W. Brown, oils,	4 65	
Aug. 12, " S. L. Ryder,	5 00	
Dec. 28, " C. W. Brown,	62	
31, " G. M. Webber,	5 15	
" G. F. Lombard,	2 50	
" Frank Smith,	1 25	
" T. S. H. Rounseville,	28 00	
" Geo. F. Lombard, sec'y,	10 00	
Cash on hand,	2 94	
	————	\$75 66
GEO. F. LOMBARD,		
for the Committee.		

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BROKEN STONE AND STONE CRUSHERS.

January 1899.

The Committee appointed at a special town meeting, held in the fall of 1898, to investigate the questions of the use of broken stone, and the purchase of a stone crusher by the Town, has carefully investigated both subjects.

The data obtained has led to the conclusion that it would not be advisable for the Town to buy a stone crusher at this time, and also that it would not be advisable to make any *extended* use of broken stone.

SAMUEL KEITH,
WM. T. GREENE,
P. M. CHURCHILL,

Committee.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1889.		
Jan. 8	Sidney Prescott Bradford	Arthur T. & Caroline P.
" 11	Frederic Murphy	John J. and Mary
" 15	Annie Dillon	James and Annie
" 16	Lucy Ann Fisher	Charles E. and Lucy J.
" 17	Charles Elmer Smith, Jr.	Charles E. and Nancy.
" 20	Bridget Eleanor Quill	Timothy J. & Hannah M.
" 23	Allan Francis Bird	Frank A. and Lizzie F.
" 29	Lowerison	J. E. and Grace B.
Feb. 2	Helen Heimer	Frank L. and Hattie M.
" 2	Catharine Alesia Duane	William M. and Mary F.
" 8	Andrew Jackson Bradf'd Alex.	John K. and Mary E.
" 19	Esther Agnes Bird	Quincy C. and Emma F.
Mar. 3	Blanche Trudean	William and Sophia M.
" 6	Mary Regenia Bernier	Fred and Demise
" 20	Mildred Florence Aldridge	Fred. A. and Nellie F.
Apr. 8	John Mack Sturtevant	Andrew P. and Myra
" 28	James Peter Kaveny	John H. and Norah
May 1	Elinor May Bragdon	Fred E. and Sarah E.
" 13	Mildred Reed Harding	Albert M. and Jennie P.
" 16	Helen Wilhemina Lindsey	John E. and Inez N.
" 17	Raymond Abbott Willis	Louis B. and Della C.
" 28	Turner	George and Lilla M.
June 4	Imen Ida Guisberg	Nathan and Hannah
" 10	Roy Allen Holmes	Roy A. and Nellie S.
" 11	Elizabeth Hennessey	Michael and Mary F.
" 17	Mary Perry	Jose Perry & Francesca F
" 25	Frank William Chandler	Frank B and Sarah D.
" 25	Mabel Louisa Weatherill	Robert and Mary E.
" 29	Mary Ellen Feeney	John M. and Margaret S.
" 30	Eva Marion Cole	Eugene and Maud C.
July 4	Eldon Emery Brown	Emma Brown
" 10	Franklin R. Chesney	Frank R. and Inez G.
" 18	Alice McCormack	George E and Ella B.
" 24	Annie O'Brien	Cornelius L. and Annie
Aug. 1	Edmund Standish Young	George S. and Kate E.
" 3	Jessie Olive Rollins.	Charles L. & Minerva A.
" 16	Lawrence William Cuniff	L. William and Lizzie
" 20	Bernice Le Verne McKenzie	Fred and Armedia A.
" 19	Margaret Foley Carroll	Patrick F. and Mary A.
" 22	Louise Frances Hunting	Fred. A. and Mary E.
" 30	Dennis Joseph Ring	Daniel and Norah
" 31	Alice Jacobina Cook	James A. and Walburga
Sept. 7	Tacy	Alice and Rosa

BIRTHS. — *Continued.*

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1898.		
" 6	Blanche E. Cushing	Nelson L. and Alice L.
" 27	Herbert Barker Jenkins	Zenas A. and Lota M.
Oct. 22	Robert Emmett McCarthy	Michael and Maggie
Nov. 7	Mary Chilton Latham	Fred A. and Lucy F.
Dec. 9	Ruth Gertrude Smith	George H. & Matilda J.
" 9	Thomas Leo Hennessey	Maurice E. & Anastasia F
" 12	Joseph Alfred Bouchard	Joseph and Azalie

Whole number of births in 1898, 50.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

MARRIAGES RECORDED FOR THE YEAR 1898.

Date of Marriage.

Name of Groom, Bride and Residence.

1898.

Jan. 12. Everett A. Churchill and Grace E. Allen, both
of East Bridgewater, by

Rev. F. H. Palmer.

Jan. 23. Frank A. Bird and Lizzie F. Greene, both of
East Bridgewater, by

Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Jan. 27. Frederic A. Hunting and Mary E. Wade, both
of East Bridgewater, by

Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Feb. 5. Ernest A. Steele of Brockton and Jennie S. A.
Moberg of East Bridgewater, by

Rev. V. A. Thoren.

Mar. 31. Roy A. Holmes of East Bridgewater and Nellie
S. Tinkham of Milddleboro, by

Rev. Samuel E. Marquis.

Apr. 6. Frederic Keith and Nellie J. Rollins, both of
East Bridgewater, by

Rev. Clarence Lathbury.

June 15. Charles E. Shaw and Nellie M. H. White both
of East Bridgewater, by

Rev. Clarence Lathbury.

June 22. Eugene D. Donnell of Somerville and Susanna
C. Bird, both of East Bridgewater, by

Rev. J. W. Quinby.

June 26. Arthur H. Cole of Brockton and Alice Hodgdon
of East Bridgewater, by

Rev. Allan Hudson.

June 27. Henry W. Pelton of Lynn and Mildred F. Ransden of Lynn, by

Rev. J. M. Pullman.

July 6. Joseph B. Geistra and Mary A. M. Thomas, both of East Bridgewater, by

Rev. W. E. Kelley.

July 14. Harry A. Hunting of East Bridgewater and Hattie M. Stearns of Worcester, by

Rev. W. O. Conrad.

Aug. 9. Harry C. Bartlett and E. Isabelle Ramsdell, both of East Bridgewater, by

Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Aug. 14. Camille Gregorie and Celina Bernard, both of East Bridgewater, by

Rev. D. H. Riley.

Sept. 3. Joseph W. Shaw and Edith Wyatt, both of Bridgewater, by

Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Oct. 5. Merton F. Ellis of Brockton and Grace D. Mitchell of East Bridgewater, by

Rev. N. B. Cook.

Oct. 6. Frank C. Atwood of Whitman and Lola De F. Pratt of East Bridgewater, by

Rev. N. B. Cook.

Oct. 8. John H. Guthier of East Bridgewater and Anna E. Lombard of Whitman, by

Rev. A. R. Paull.

Oct. 11. William F. Kane of Brockton and Georgianna L. Loncraft, by

Rev. C. F. Hennessey.

Nov. 5. Charles H. Holmes of East Bridgewater and Clara Rodeniers of Bridgewater, by

Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Nov. 22. John T. Dorrigan of Middleboro and Katharine A. Maguire of East Bridgewater, by

Rev. D. H. Riley.

- Dec. 27. Charles E. Davenport of East Bridgewater and
 Mary E. Condon of Bridgewater, by
 Rev. J. K. Richardson.
- Dec. 28. Albert H. Barrows of East Bridgewater and
 Florence M. Douglas of Falmouth, by
 Rev. G. A. Reinl.

FBANK SMITH, TOWN CLERK.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER, FOR
THE YEAR, 1898.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y	M	D	
Jan.	19 Mary Renda Forcier	1		1	Tuberculosis
"	21 Sophia O. Hodgdon	43	5	19	Heart Disease
"	29 Lowerison				Hydrocephalus
Feb.	3 Lucius Prunier	23			Tuberculosis
"	4 Adaline M. Cooley	69	6	24	Congestion of the Lungs
"	12 Lizzie F. Sisson	35	11		Tuberculosis
Mar.	2 Warren K. Churchill	64		6	Apoplexy
"	20 Frederic Murphy		2	5	Convulsions
"	20 Jane Flynn	63			Apoplexy
"	28 Catharine Murphy	56			Heart Disease
Apr.	12 Minot C. Shaw	75	1	7	Heart Failure
"	16 Joseph T. Hathaway	79	6	18	La Grippe
"	25 Esther Latham	50	6	15	Cancer
"	25 Earnest Belmour	2			Consumption of the Bowels
"	26 Harriet J. Latham	59	8	13	Apoplexy
"	29 Emma F. Turnbull	42	2	11	Pneumonia
May	2 Frank Morey	18	3		Tuberculosis
"	7 Almira C. Spear	68		5	Goitre
"	17 Harry W. Turner	1		9	Convulsions
June	1 Gladys B. Ross	5	11	4	Tuberculosis
"	12 Maurice T. Carroll	22		12	Tuberculosis
"	12 Charles M. Brown	49			Paresis
"	12 Allen P. Phillips	83	2	12	Old Age
"	13 Patrick Crowley	69	4		Railroad Accident
Aug.	5 Henry Mondeau		10		Cholera Infantum
"	6 Henry Bouchard		10		Cholera Infantum
"	9 Hayilla Hilton	68	11	9	Acute Gangrene
"	10 Angeline G. Taber	81	4	10	Gangrene
"	16 Dominico Bartoreley	58			Marasmus
"	22 Alice Gagnon		2		Cholera Infantum
Sept.	5 Alfred Carlos	55			Organic Heart Disease
"	12 William K. Briggs	75		25	Chronic Ateritis
Oct.	1 William J. Kaveny		5		Meningitis
"	9 Aaron Hobart	80	10	20	Apoplexy
"	16 Catherine Hill	65	1	17	Nephritis
"	23 Blanche E. Cushing		1	17	Inanition
Nov.	2 Joseph Little	33			Phthisis
"	12 Frank W. Dill	42	8		Brights Disease
"	14 Michael White	38			Phthisis
"	22 Nellie F. H. Fletcher	20	6	27	Cerebral Embolism
"	26 Addison Pratt	85	11	2	Old Age
"	29 Samuel J. Hoyt	50	10	21	Cancer of Liver and Bowels
"	30 Amey Bernier	40			Heart Disease
Dec.	7 Louis H Bradford	24			Phthisis
"	10 Waldo Hayward	81	1	28	Old Age
"	22 Alice L. Cushing	25	2	23	Inflammatory Rheumatism
"	22 Anastasia F. Hennesey	32	11	3	Phthisis

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

FRANK SMITH, Collector,

In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1896.	DR.		
To amount uncollected,		\$183 32	
“ “ interest collected,		3 19	
		————	\$186 51
	CR.		
By amount paid Treasurer,		\$56 21	
“ “ uncollected,		130 30	
		————	\$186 51
1897.	DR.		
To amount uncollected,		\$1,070 59	
“ “ interest collected,		24 66	
		————	\$1,095 25
	CR.		
By amount paid Treasurer,		\$864 59	
“ “ uncollected,		230 66	
		————	\$1,095 25
1898.	DR.		
To amount committed,		\$25,589 15	
“ “ interest collected,		125 88	
		————	\$25,715 03
	CR.		
By amount paid treasurer,		\$24,586 47	
“ “ uncollected,		1,128 56	
		————	\$25,715 03

The amount of taxes assessed previous to 1896 upon lots sold by the Hanson Land Co. remaining unpaid Feb. 3, 1898, was

\$270 58

I have collected and paid to
treasurer,

2 37

Balance,

———— \$268 21

FRANK SMITH, Collector.

February 4, 1899.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

JARVIS BURRELL, *Town Treasurer,*

In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1898.

DR.

Feb.	3.	Cash on hand as per previous report,	\$2,874 04
	5.	Estate of Waldo Hayward, interest,	12
Mar.	17.	State Treasurer, corporation tax,	563 85
	"	" National bank tax,	32 67
		E. B. Savings Bank, borrowed of,	1,000 00
	19.	Town of Marshfield, aid to Mrs.	
		C. Atwood,	111 35
	24.	E. B. Savings Bank, borrowed of	6,000 00
Apr.	22.	F. E. Fuller & Co., license,	8 00
May	2.	Frank Smith, license,	1 00
	7.	E. B. Savings Bank, borrowed of,	5,000 00
	14.	Town of Raynham, aid to Mrs.	
		Tuck and children,	32 50
June	4.	C. F. O'Brien, license,	8 00
		State Treasurer, inspection of animals,	103 12
	10.	County Treasurer, acct. highways,	450 00
	16.	E. E. Edson, pool table license,	2 00
	16.	G. A. Blanchard, pool table license,	2 00
	20.	E. N. Ward, license,	1 00
July	2.	Police Court, Brockton, fine,	10 00
	14.	R. O. Harris, Chairman acct,	
		school money,	213 86
	15.	E. B. Savings Bank, borrowed of,	2,500 00
Aug.	5.	Town of Hingham, aid to M.	
		White's children,	41 65
Sept.	1.	E. B. Savings Bank, borrowed of,	500 00
	17.	Town of Marshfield, aid to Mrs.	
		C. Atwood,	53 00
Oct.	3.	W. H. Gaffney, license,	1 00
Nov.	5.	Edgar H. Bigelow, sale of real	
		estate,	100 00

Nov.	26.	Fall River Savings Bank, acct.	
		Johnson fund,	20 20
Dec.	10.	State Treasurer, corporation tax,	1,302 46
		“ “ National Bank tax,	763 61
		“ “ Military aid,	198 00
		“ “ State “	1,481 00
		“ “ Burial of soldier,	35 00
	31.	Almshouse acct., hay sold,	10 57
		Town of Raynham, acct. Super-	
		intendent of schools,	87 50
1899.			
Jan.	3.	Police Court, Brockton, fines,	11 00
	3.	E. B. Savings Bank, acct. John-	
		son fund,	40 40
	12.	Town of West Bridgewater, acct.	
		Superintendent of schools,	145 83
	14.	Town of West Bridgewater, aid	
		to S. E. Dunbar and Children,	156 00
	18.	County Treasurer, acct. dog license,	383 50
		Estate of Catherine Rogers, rents,	72 00
		P. Co. S. D. & Trust Co., interest	
		on deposits,	30 21
	21.	W. T. Greene, Supt., acct. loam sold,	70
	23.	Received on acct. order No. 843,	15 00
	24.	Town of Whitman, aid to Mrs.	
		Bates and children,	188 77
		Town of Whitman, acct. military	
		settlement,	26 70
		State Treasurer, burial of State paupers,	30 00
		“ “ acct. Massachu-	
		setts school fund,	294 43
	27.	B. W. & R. St. Railway Co., acct.	
		snow,	107 30
Feb.	1.	West Bridgewater, aid to C. E.	
		Fisher and family,	24 50
	2.	F. Smith, coll., acct. taxes pre-	
		vious to 1898,	923 17
	4.	F. Smith, Coll., acct. taxes for 1898,	24,586 47
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			\$50,543 48

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1898.

March	24.	P. Co. S. D. & Trust Co., balance note and interest,	\$2,059 30
April	2.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, balance note and interest,	511 25
	4.	W. T. Greene, court fee,	8 01
May	7.	E. B. Savings Bank, acct. interest,	166 67
	17.	State Treasurer, acct. license,	25
July	2.	R. J. Mitchell, court fee,	3 20
	15.	E. B. Savings Bank, acct. interest,	25 00
Sept.	19.	E. B. Savings Bank, Notes and interest,	1,522 45
Oct.	15.	E. B. Savings Bank, Note,	2,500 00
	29.	Priest, Page & Co., acct. dupli- cate, weights and expenses,	16 95
	31.	County Treasurer, County tax,	2,250 18
Dec.	10.	State Treasurer, State tax,	885 00
	" "	balance account grade crossing,	438 08

1899.

Jan.	3.	E. B. Savings Bank, Note and in- terest.	6,176 77
		T. S. H. Rounsville, court fees,	21 20
		E. E. Edson, " "	4 20
		G. T. Coughlin, " "	2 93
		Trustees Public Library, acct. fund,	60 60
Feb.	4.	E. B. Savings Bank, acct. Note,	1,000 00
		Amount of orders drawn by Se- lectmen,	18,966 27
		Amount of orders drawn by School Committee,	10,781 45
Feb.	4.	Cash on hand,	3,143 73
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			\$50,543 48

JARVIS BURRELL, Treasurer.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH OF EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS., FOR YEAR 1898.

The Board of Health held meetings in every month, during the past year, except January, February and December. On these occasions, numerous complaints of nuisances, also other business pertaining to the health of the town, were discussed and subsequently acted upon.

The Board has caused to be printed and posted in all electric cars running through the town, and all public halls, notices prohibiting expectoration in said cars and halls.

The sewage cart and pump wagon have been painted and the pumps newly packed.

The officers of East Bridgewater have hired a shed in which to house the machinery and implements of the town.

The Board of Health has the use of a part of this building and pays one-half the rent.

We have recorded one case of Scarlet Fever and several cases of Diphtheria during the past year.

Your Board has been in frequent communication with the State Board, and the latter has kept us supplied with fresh test outfits for Diphtheria and Tuberculosis and, on several occasions, when the diagnosis was doubtful, in these diseases, they have made a microscopical analysis and report, for our benefit, and free of all charge, except express on specimens. They have also kept us supplied with fresh Diphtheria Antitoxine, free of charge, which is a great favor, as it is expensive.

Through the kindness and courtesy of our friend, Simeon Curtis Keith, Jr., B. S., bacteriologist. of Boston, the Board has been furnished with a Typhoid Fever blood-test outfit. This test is one of the most recent and scientific discoveries of the age. With it, through the medium of a drop

of blood, the microscopist is able to make an absolutely correct diagnosis in all doubtful, as well as all other cases of Typhoid Fever.

The Secretary, E. W. Mitchell, resigned from the Board, January 1, 1899, having removed to another town.

A. L. SHIRLEY,
WM. T. GREENE,

Board of Health of East Bridgewater.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, and collector, and beg leave to report as follows :

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Amount of orders drawn on Treasurer,	\$18,966 27
“ “ “ paid by “	18,966 27

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on treasurer,	\$10,781 45
“ “ “ paid by “	10,781 45

TREASURER.

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1897 and received	
during the year,	\$50,543 48
Amount paid during the year,	47,399 76
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Cash on hand,	\$3,143 72

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection,	\$25,589 15
Interest,	125 88
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	\$25,715 03
Paid to treasurer,	24,586 47
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Uncollected taxes,	\$1,128 56
Total valuation, \$1,418.560	
Rate per \$1,000, \$16.80.	

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. DUNPHE.

Auditor.

East Bridgewater, Feb. 8, 1899.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The board now consists of Rev. Clarence Lathbury, and Alice E. Strong, whose terms expire in 1899 ; Isaac N. Nutter and Wm. H. Taylor, whose terms expire in 1900 ; and Edmund W. Nutter and Mary H. Rust, whose terms expire in 1901.

Organization — Chairman, W. H. Taylor ; Secretary and Treasurer, I. N. Nutter ; Librarian, Miss Lucy L. Siddall.

The Trustees are glad to announce that the increase in the circulation of books, after removal to the new building, noted in their last report, was not temporary ; but that the added interest in the library has been fully sustained.

The circulation of books in 1898 was 2,549 more than in any previous year in the history of the library, being nearly five times greater than the number of volumes contained therein.

The benefits of the library have been extended to the Robbins Pond neighborhood by delivery once in two weeks. Twenty-nine persons in that vicinity have availed themselves of this opportunity. Also the box to Elmwood has been continued every library day. We hope to be able to reach other remote districts with the same privileges in the near future.

It is hoped that persons having records or relics illustrating the history of the town may be willing to deposit them in the library for future reference, thus increasing its influence and usefulness.

The Trustees regret the lack of care shown on the part of some patrons in the use and handling of the books. We

urge upon all card-holders the necessity of their co-operation to keep the books neat and whole.

During the year a number of books in other languages have been given to the library. These meet the wants of a class of our citizens, especially the French books. There are twenty-two of these, all donated, now available, and six families in town are reading them.

Circulation, 1898,	13,437
Increase over 1897,	4,620
Circulation, 1st year, July 1, 1884, to July 1, 1885,	5,551
Library open during 1898,	147 days
Average Circulation,	96.9 plus
Largest number Dec. 3,	193
Smallest number Oct. 19,	28
Per cent of circulation : --	
Fiction,	56.1
Juvenile,	25.73
History and Natural Science,	3.78
Poetry and Scientific Work,	2.48
Geography and Travel,	3.87
Biography and Literature,	4.26
Magazines,	4.11
New cards issued during year,	194
Cards issued since opening of Library,	1,726
Cards in use during 1898, outside new subscribers,	354

Special cards are issued to teachers in High, Grammar and Intermediate Schools. 78 books were taken out on these cards.

Books now in library, 2,887, Public Documents not included.

Books purchased since last report, 245, not including Mr. Latham's Library.

Replaced worn copies, 34.

Annual Encyclopedia, Statesman's Year Book, Mass. Year Book, Century Atlas, have been purchased during the year.

Books contained in Williams Latham's library :

Massachusetts Historical Society's collection, 5 series, 48 vol's

(Nos. 9-10 series 5 missing ; No. 7 duplicated,)

Massachusetts Historical Society, Memorial Biographies, 1 vol.

Massachusetts Historical Society, Transactions, 19 vol's

N. E. Historical Genealogical Register, 36 vol's

Savage's Genealogical Dictionary, 4 vol's

History of Cape Cod, Freeman, 2 vol's

Catalogue of library, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2 vol's

Harvard Graduates, 1,642-1,658, Sibley, 1 vol.

Young's Chronicles of the Pilgrims. 1 "

" " " Massachusetts, 1 "

History of Boston, Drake, 1 "

Mourt's Relation, 1 "

Virginia, True Relation of, Smith, 1 "

Church's Philip's War, 2 vol's

IN READING ROOM.

Magazines : Atlantic Monthly, Catholic World, Century, Cosmopolitan, Education, Harper's Monthly, Harper's Round Table, New England and St. Nicholas.

Papers : Christian Register, Zion's Herald, Woman's Home Companion, N. E. Homestead, Our Dumb Animals, The Working Boy, Harper's Weekly and Pilot. A number of copies of Puck and Judge were given, which have drawn many to the library, interested first in these, afterwards finding other attractions.

The following have made donations : Mrs. W. A. Rust, Boston, elegant set of furniture for Trustee's room, consisting of an oak table and six chairs. Mr. F. T. Stuart, artist, an original and valuable landscape in water-colors. Dr. H. F. Borden, photograph of his grandfather, Bartholomew Brown, Esq., for many years a useful and highly respected citizen of this town. Mr. Edward Alden, picture, Dea. John Whitman. Mr. B. K. Bliss, engraving. Mr. Samuel Alden, engraving. Miss M. H. Rust, engravings of Washington and LaFayette, also a proclamation for Fast Day, issued by Pres. John Adams, in March 1798. Mrs. B. K. Bliss, the Commission as Surgeon in U. S. Navy, issued to Dr. Hector Orr, and signed by President John Adams in 1799 ; Also Epitaphs of Bridgewater, and 105 other books, 90 not yet catalogued. Rev. J. W. Quinby, The Warner Library of 30 volumes in half-morocco binding. The Century Dictionary of Names, and Harper's Classical Dictionary. Judge B. W. Harris, Messages and Papers of the Presidents, 1789-1897, complete set now in library, 9 volumes. Received from the State House, Bradford's History of Plymouth, reprint from original, contains history of recovery of the book. Books from Mr. and Miss Holbrook, 39 ; Miss Grace Hobart, Miss M. H. Rust, Miss Agnes M. Hobart, Mrs. Agnes H. Paine, Mr. Henry Gurney, Mrs. Mary F. Parker and others.

Souvenir volumes from, Miss Christian, Mr. Ezra Kingman, Mr. John M. Whiting, 4 ; Rev. F. H. Palmer, Mr. John N. Read, Mr. James S. Barrell, Cambridgeport ; Mrs. Sylvester Baxter, Malden ; Mr. W. E. and Mrs. W. P. Whitman, of Campello ; Mr. W. S. Washburn, Wollaston ; Rev. Edward C. Mitchell, L. L. D., 6 ; Miss Rena McLouthlin, Malden ; Mr. G. W. Dyer, East Weymouth ; Mr. Paul B. Watson, Boston.

The World's Fair Books, presented by Mr. Percival H. Lombard, have been bound during the year. A box of educational reports 1849-1892, received from Mr. James S. Barrell. It is earnestly desired that every citizen shall take a personal interest in the library, and co-operate with the Trustees in increasing its usefulness. There is a growing feeling that the library is incomplete without the portrait of the donor. With small contributions from all, an oil-painting of Mr. Washburn could be readily obtained. We urge that this be done as soon as possible, that he may himself see his picture on the library walls.

REV. CLARENCE LATHBURY,
 ALICE E. STRONG,
 MARY H. RUST,
 ISAAC N. NUTTER,
 EDMUND W. NUTTER.
 WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, *Trustees.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand,	\$ 108 68
Rev. C. Lathbury, Treasurer of committee of library fair,	227 34
Town Treasurer, annual appropriation,	500 00
Town Treasurer, special appropriation for metal book stacks,	100 00
Trustees of Washburn library building, fund for coal,	16 56
Town Treasurer, interest on Johnson fund,	60 60
Lucy L. Siddall, librarian fines collected,	23 97
Lucy L. Siddall, catalogues and curtains sold,	4 75
	————— \$1,041 90

EXPENDITURES.

W. B. Clark & Co., for books,	\$276 73
Lucy L. Siddall, services as librarian,	200 00
Lucy L. Siddall, care of rooms,	21 00
E. W. Nutter, magazines,	17 44
Geo. Hudson, services as janitor,	60 00
Irving Horton, labor and material,	19 65
F. S. Blanchard, Massachusetts year book,	1 50
Library Bureau, metal book stacks,	95 00
G. M. Webber, plumbing,	16 75
G. M. Webber, lawn mower and hose,	8 00
G. M. Webber, repairs, etc.,	7 08

Harper Brothers, periodicals,	2	20	
D. Appleton & Co., cyclopedia,	6	00	
Avil Printing Co., books,	1	25	
D. L. Brownell & Co., books,	3	00	
Mrs. McDermott, cleaning library,	1	00	
J. Elwyn Bates, book,	2	75	
Library Bureau, tables, chairs and racks,	54	00	
Sun Insurance office,	7	50	
I. N. Nutter, postage,	1	00	
A. Hunting, grass seed and fertilizer,	3	86	
Alger's Express,	17	69	
Joshua Dean, coal,	108	75	
Joshua Dean, hitching post,	1	10	
H. E. Hooper, Century Atlas,	15	00	
F. E. Fuller & Co., supplies,	2	45	
Mary H. Rust, books,	1	50	
Samuel Snow, books,		75	
B. W. Harris, for 118 volumes bought at sale of library of late W. La- tham, Esq.,	27	15	
E. B. Hall, binding "Book of the Fair,"	15	00	
M. S. Curtis, wax polish and labor,	5	04	
Frank W. Bird, magazines,	1	25	
J. Burrell, printing and supplies,	16	65	
W. H. Taylor, labor on book stacks, including cash paid,	2	40	
Lucy L. Siddall, oil and supplies,	16	29	
Lucy L. Siddall, postage and P. O. box rent,	1	80	
			\$1,038 53
Balance,			3 37
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			\$1,041 90
I. N. NUTTER, <i>Treasurer.</i>			

ABSTRACT OF REPORT UPON THE ALMSHOUSE
AT EAST BRIDGEWATER, VISITED
JAN. 24, 1898.

EXTERIOR.

Almshouse building in good condition ; fire escapes, none.
Water supply, plentiful and good ; drainage good.
Barns and outbuildings : location distant ; condition good.

INTERIOR.

Provides complete separation of the sexes ; none of sane
and insane.
Rooms, all clean and orderly ; suitably furnished.
Bath rooms, one, supplied with hot and cold water.
Water-closets, two ; location one inside ; condition good.
Heating by furnace, general and good.
Ventilation, satisfactory.

CARE OF INMATES.

Food is sufficient, of good quality ; clothing is suitable and
clean.
Beds and bedding, miscellaneous beds, abundant bedding,
clean and free from vermin.
Bathing, quite irregular, perhaps sufficient ; voluntary, not
required.
Actual separation of sexes complete by day, by night, and
at meals.
Discipline, good.
Hired help, in-door, none ; out-door, none.

REMARKS

The only change in the house the past year has been some interior painting and whitening. The management of the place continues good and efficient. Bathing is not regular, probably owing to the age of the inmates generally.

CHAS. E. WOODBURY,

Inspector of Institutions.

Jan. 25, 1898.

TOWN MEETING.

Articles to be acted upon at the annual town meeting, to be held Monday, March 6, 1899 : —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the reports of town officers and committees.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate all sums of money necessary for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To adopt some measures for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To vote upon the question : “ SHALL LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS BE GRANTED IN THIS TOWN ? ” Yes or no.

ART. 8. To act upon a list of jurors as proposed by the Selectmen.

ART. 9. To determine the method of repairing the highways for the ensuing year.

ART. 10. To see if the town will accept the way laid out by the Selectmen upon a petition of Samuel Shaw and others, as a town way.

ART. 11. To see if the town will raise a sum of money for the care of the Old Cemetery.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER,
AND
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FOR THE YEAR 1898.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1899.

Spring Term begins March 27, closes June 9 ; 11 weeks.

Fall Term begins Sept. 5, closes Dec. 15 ; 15 weeks.

Vacation, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

Winter Term begins Jan. 1, 1900, closes March 9, 1900 ;
10 weeks.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring Term begins March 27, closes June 23 ; 13 weeks.

Fall Term begins Sept. 5, closes Dec. 22 ; 16 weeks.

Vacation, Thanksgiving day and the day following.

Winter Term begins Jan. 1, 1900, closes March 16, 1900 ;
11 weeks.

Storm Signals.— 11 — 111111 — two blows, pause, six blows,
struck three times on church bells at 8.05 A. M., no
school for the day.

Regular Meetings of the Committee.—Second Monday
evening of each month, at 8 o'clock.

Superintendent's Office Hours.—At town office, Mondays
and Thursdays, from 3.30 to 5.30 P. M. during
school days.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1898.

Fannie M. Shaw,	term expires	1899
Susan M. Dunphe,	“ “	1899
Alice R. Allen,	“ “	1900
Robert O. Harris,	“ “	1900
Edward T. Morse,	“ “	1901
William H. Taylor,	“ “	1901

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

Chairman, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR.

Secretary, SUSAN M. DUNPHE.

Treasurer, EDWARD T. MORSE.

Supt. of Schools, FRANK O. JONES.

Report of School Committee.

To the Citizens of the town of East Bridgewater :

At the annual town meeting in March, Edward T. Morse and Wm. H. Taylor were re-elected members of the School Committee for three years.

The Board reorganized April 11, by the choice of Wm. H. Taylor, chairman ; Edward T. Morse, treasurer, and Susan M. Dunphe, secretary.

The Committee are glad to believe that at the present time all the schools are running smoothly and are free from any disturbing influences. During the past year they have been under the care of the efficient and popular Superintendent, Frank O. Jones, whose work has been highly satisfactory to the Committee. We hope that all persons interested in the welfare of our schools, will study his report and note carefully his suggestions for improvements.

In some of their expenditures the Committee have exceeded the appropriations, although no expense has been incurred which could be reasonably avoided. The greatest excess has been on text books and supplies. Here the Committee found themselves obliged to do much more than was anticipated at the beginning of the year, but every possible effort has been made to reduce the expense without detriment to the successful operation of the schools.

The appropriation for repairs on the school building at Eastville has enabled the Committee to put the house in an excellent condition ; also the old and dilapidated fence around the yard has been removed and a strong durable one built in its place.

We are sorry to report our inability as yet to procure a good supply of pure water for this school. An appropriation of \$100 was made last spring for this purpose, but owing to the unusually wet season there has been no time when it seemed wise to attempt the digging of a well on the premises. We have considered the matter thoroughly and asked the advice of an experienced workman, who after carefully examining the grounds, told us that a well dug there, with the surface water so plentiful, would be far from satisfactory ; but under favorable conditions a good and permanent supply of water might be obtained. We recommend that the appropriation be continued another year, trusting that these favorable conditions may be ours.

By using the \$75 appropriated for the purpose, a substantial platform has been built in front of the High school building.

The system of heating in this house does not work satisfactorily. There are days when to keep the schools in session would be at the risk of lives, and yet the town cannot afford to close them every time the weather nears the zero point. Every such day means the loss of about \$15.00. It seems to the Committee that it would be true economy for the town to put in some additional means of heating the building. We recommend that some appropriation be made for that purpose.

Late in the fall our attention was called to the condition of the roof on the Northville building. Upon examination we found so many leaks, there seemed no other way open to us but to reshingle. This was accordingly done.

During the storm of November 27, the chimney on the Beaver schoolhouse was blown down, damaging the roof to some extent. This with other injuries to school property, caused by the same storm, cost the town about \$30.00.

The Committee recommend the following appropriations for 1899 ;

School purposes,	\$6,650 00
Books and supplies,	600 00
Incidentals,	300 00
Minor repairs,	150 00
Transportation,	475 00
Salary of Superintendent,	350 00
Music teacher,	200 00
Painting,	75 00
Insurance,	60 00
Well at Eastville,	100 00

SUSAN M. DUNPHE,
 FANNIE M. SHAW,
 ALICE R. ALLEN,
 ROBERT O. HARRIS,
 EDWARD T. MORSE,
 WILLIAM H. TAYLOR.

Treasurer's Report.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$6,650 00
Received under Act of 1893,	233 33
Income of Massachusetts School Fund,	294 43
Dividend on dog tax,	383 50
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Total,	\$7,561 26

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

Fred E. Bragdon, High School,	\$1,127 50
Lydia R. Smith, High School,	512 50
Maud L. Johnson, Grammar School,	650 00
Laura E. Johnson, Grammar school,	189 00
Minnie H. Churchill, Grammar School,	120 00
Hattie N. Peterson, Centre Intermediate,	396 00
Marion I. Bailey, West Intermediate,	149 00
Clara A. Gomborg, West Intermediate,	56 00
Blanche Watson, West Intermediate,	150 00
Cora B. Crabtre, West Primary,	396 00
Julia Mansfield, Beaver,	396 00
Phosie B. Peterson. Elmwood Intermediate,	231 00
A. Lillian Warren, Elmwood Intermediate,	165 00
Georgiana Calef, Elmwood Primary,	360 00
Hattie M. Wilbar, Satucket,	360 00
Mary A. Bailey, Eastville,	99 00
Grace L. Cook, Eastville,	9 00

Carrie L. Paine, Eastville,	216 00
Mabel A. Hatch, Northville,	324 00
E. Isabelle Ramsdell, North Primary,	210 00
Grace L. Cook, North Primary,	150 00
Anna Hill, Curtisville,	189 00
Margaret A. Gow, Curtisville,	135 00
Town of Hanson, tuition,	14 00
Total,	<hr/> \$6,604 00

FUEL.

G. W. Alger, coal,	570 64
John Burgess, wood,	12 00
Total,	<hr/> \$582 64

CARE OF HOUSES AND CLEANING.

James Timmons, care of High school,	\$142 50
M. D. Carroll, care West building,	38 50
Eugene A. Lincoln, care Beaver,	35 50
Charles H. Soule, care Elmwood,	41 00
A. Richmond Parker, care Satucket,	24 00
Mary A. Bailey, care Eastville	6 00
Lottie Beard, care Eastville,	6 00
Arthur Burgess, care Eastville,	6 00
Mabel A. Hatch, care Northville,	18 00
Mrs. M. McDermott, care North Primary,	24 00
Elmer Brown, care Curtisville,	12 00
Margaret A. Gow, care Curtisville,	6 00
Mrs. J. Timmons, cleaning High school,	17 85
Eugene A. Lincoln, cleaning Beaver,	5 00
Mrs. M. Feeney, cleaning, Elmwood,	50
Mrs. M. McDermott, cleaning,	23 42
Mrs. Lester Harden, cleaning,	7 00
Prescott Ramsdell, carrying water, Eastville,	1 00
Total,	<hr/> \$414 27

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for teaching,	\$6,604 00
fuel,	582 64
care and cleaning,	414 27
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Total,	\$7,600 91
Amount available,	7,561 26
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Expended in excess of appropriation,	39 65

REPAIRS ON BUILDINGS.

E. P. Barrows, labor,	1 95
J. Beard, labor,	2 00
M. S. Curtis, stock and labor,	24 73
Joshua Dean, lumber, etc.,	47 67
Irving Horton, stock and labor,	34 49
W. W. Houghton, stock and labor,	4 25
G. S. Howland, stock and labor,	1 00
E. F. Keith, labor,	2 80
Herman Leonard, stock and labor,	6 86
George McDermott, labor,	1 21
F. A. Quimby, irons,	2 50
W. H. Taylor, labor,	12 50
James Timmons, labor,	3 88
John H. Waterman, labor,	11 60
J. M. Whiting, stock and labor,	28 30
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Total,	\$185 74
Appropriation,	150 00
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Expended in excess of appropriation,	\$35 74

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

American Book Co., books,	\$54 92
Edw. E. Babb & Co., books,	23 36

T. H. Castor & Co., books,	13 60
Ginn & Co., books,	241 09
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies,	292 46
D. C. Heath & Co., books,	23 48
Houghton Mifflin & Co., books,	85 57
Leach, Shewell & Co., supplies	108 07
Geo. S. Perry & Co., supplies	2 40
Lydia R. Smith, paid for books,	1 20
Thompson, Brown & Co., books,	10 42
University Publishing Co., books,	27 52
William Ware & Co., “	9 59
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Total,	\$893 68
Appropriation,	625 00
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Expended in excess of appropriation,	\$268 68

INCIDENTALS.

Alger & Co's express,	15 95
F. E. Bragdon, paid for laboratory supplies,	15 75
Jarvis Burrell, printing,	36 94
E. L. Clark, labor,	3 00
H. C. Dimond & Co., rubber stamp,	2 32
N. F. Dunphe, justice of the peace,	1 00
Franklin Educational Co., laboratory supplies,	11 69
F. E. Fuller & Co., incidentals,	9 51
J. L. Hammett Co., incidentals,	6 96
Hopkinson & Holden, incidentals,	18 50
Samuel J. Hoyt, labor,	2 00
G. L. Jones, repairs on clocks,	5 15
F. O. Jones, postage, car fares, etc.,	7 03
E. T. Morse, postage, etc.,	2 60
E. W. Nutter, papers,	13 95
Fannie M. Shaw, copying school census,	10 00

J. W. Sturtevant, stock and labor,	2 50
James Timmons, labor,	8 69
L. J. Voigt, filling diplomas,	4 75
G. M. Webber, stock and labor,	57 62
Wright & Potter Printing Co., blanks,	1 50
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Total, .	\$237 41
Appropriation,	325 00
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Unexpended,	\$87 59

TRANSPORTATION.

Ida Coots, paid for tickets,	\$1 00
G. C. Howard, paid for tickets,	39 00
F. O. Jones, paid for tickets,	56 15
Albert Kelley,	199 98
Fannie M. Shaw, paid for tickets,	1 30
M. L. Webber,	200 00
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Total,	\$497 43
Appropriation,	475 00
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Expended in excess of appropriation,	\$22 43

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Town Treasurer of Raynham,	\$116 67
F. O. Jones,	875 00
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	\$991 67
Received from Raynham,	\$87 50
Received from West Bridgewater,	145 83
Due from State,	437 50
Appropriation,	350 00
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	\$1,020 83
Unexpended,	29 16

MUSIC.

Annie M. Barnes,	\$63 00
M. L. Webber, carriage hire,	15 00
American Book Co., books and charts,	32 80
Annie M. Barnes, music,	2 48
F. E. Bragdon, music,	65
Oliver Ditson Co., music,	3 22
Silver, Burdett, & Co., music,	1 50
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Total,	\$118 65
Appropriation,	\$175 00
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Unexpended,	\$56 35

REPAIRS AT EASTVILLE.

M. S. Curtis, stock and labor,	\$61 25
Joshua Dean, lumber, etc.,	76 78
Irving Horton, labor,	32 50
E. O. Noyes, hardware,	4 00
W. H. Taylor, stock for fence,	13 63
J. M. Whiting, stock and labor,	4 50
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Total,	\$192 66
Appropriation,	180 00
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Expended in excess of appropriation,	\$12 66

PLATFORM AT HIGH SCHOOL.

E. L. Clark, cartage,	\$3 00
M. S. Curtis, painting,	3 00
Joshua Dean, lumber, etc.,	35 05
Irving Horton, labor,	21 25
J. M. Whiting, labor,	1 00
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Total,	\$63 30

Appropriation,	75 00
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Unexpended,	\$11 70
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SUMMARY.

Available for school purposes,	\$7,561 26
Appropriation for books and supplies,	625 00
incidentals,	325 00
minor repairs,	150 00
transportation,	475 00
music,	175 00
repairs at Eastville,	180 00
well at Eastville.	100 00
platform at High,	75 00
Available for superintendent's salary,	1,020 83

Total,	\$10,687 09
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Paid for support of schools,	\$7,600 91
repairs,	185 74
books and supplies,	893 68
incidentals,	237 41
transportation,	497 43
superintendent,	991 67
music,	118 65
repairs at Eastville,	192 66
platform at High,	63 30

Total,	\$10,781 45
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Available,	10,687 09
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Expended in excess of appropriations,	\$94 36
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EDW. T. MORSE, Treasurer.

East Bridgewater, Jan. 28, 1899.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Committee of the Town of East Bridgewater :

I herewith submit my first annual report as Superintendent of schools of the town of East Bridgewater. It is also the seventh of the series of annual reports since the formation of this union district. Through this report, I shall try to describe the educational affairs as they have existed in the town of East Bridgewater during the past year, and to set forth the future needs of the schools.

The following statistics will be of value for comparison with those of previous years :

Population of East Bridgewater, census of 1895,	2,894
Number of schools,	13
“ “ teachers required,	15
“ “ “ employed during the year,	22
“ “ children in town between the ages of 5 and 15 years, as shown by census of May, 1898,	489
May, 1897,	456
May, 1896,	431
Number of children in town between the ages of 8 and 14 years, census of May, 1898,	301
Number of pupils enrolled on school registers during the year,	573
Number of pupils enrolled between the ages of 8 and 14 years,	330
Number of pupils enrolled over 15 years,	45
Average membership,	471.88

Average attendance,	448.72
Per cent. of attendance,	95.09
Per cent. of attendance, 1897,	94.07
Number of visits by truant officers,	12
“ “ truants found,	0

CHANGES IN THE CORPS OF TEACHERS.

APPOINTMENTS.

Name.	When appointed.	School.
Carrie L. Paine,	April,	Eastville.
Clara A. Gomberg,	May,	West Intermediate.
Blanche Watson,	Sept.,	West Intermediate.
A. Lillian Warren,	“	Elmwood Intermediate.
Margaret A. Gow,	“	Curtisville.
Grace L. Cook,	“	North Primary.
Minnie H. Churchill,	“	Ass't in Grammar School.

RESIGNATIONS.

Name.	When Resigned.	School.
Mary A. Bailey,	April,	Eastville.
Marion I. Bailey,	May,	West Intermediate.
Clara A. Gomberg,	June,	West Intermediate.
Phosie B. Peterson,	“	Elmwood Intermediate.
Anna Hill,	“	Curtisville.
E. Isabelle Ramsdell,	“	North Primary.
Laura E. Johnson,	“	Ass't in Grammar School.

THE YEAR'S WORK.

Coming into the district as I did, after the year was well begun, I studied existing conditions to find where the most attention was needed. My predecessor, in accordance with his views derived from several years of experience with your schools, had just arranged a course of study which, in its fundamental points, I have not changed, for it assured-

ly deserves a fair trial. I have endeavored, however, to enrich this course by re-arousing in the schools an interest in both nature study and drawing.

Inasmuch as it is claimed that nature study originated in one of the towns of this district, it is pathetic that this valuable subject should have been allowed to fall into neglect and finally to lose its place in the regular curriculum. The value of education lies not in the ability of the one who receives it to retain an encyclopædic knowledge of unrelated facts; but, in the ability of the scholar to see every thing concerning him and his environment in its right relations, to know the principles of life's problems, in short, to make the most of himself. While arithmetic, language and geography are essential subjects for study, it is exceedingly important that the pupil's powers of observation be developed that he may appreciate the works of nature, their beauty, their relation and usefulness to man. If he learns to observe and know the every-day forms of nature about him, his interest will be kept alive, his sympathies will be broadened, and his life will mean more to him. The value of nature study as it is taught in schools today, lies largely in its capacity for developing these powers of observation. It is this elementary work which leads up to the understanding of the higher sciences and aids the pupil to find the relations of the facts and to apply the principles of those sciences. Some pupils find it difficult to retain book learning, and gradually grow to dislike school work. They can, however, learn to tell the direction of the wind, the signs of the weather, the character of frost, dew, and other natural phenomena, the kinds of plants and their uses, and the many things taken up in the study of nature. They can understand these objects which they can see and touch, and the impressions of which they can join to those impressions gained from their own former experiences. They quickly

recognize that here is something practical, something that will help them in their every-day life. There are many of us lacking this form of early instruction, who, upon taking up some new science, feel our inability to associate the new facts which are presented to us with those of our early experiences in ordinary life. We find the new subject difficult because we cannot readily see these relations between the new and the old. Then we realize that, if, in our childhood, some teacher had taken pains to cultivate our powers of observation and association, our capacity for knowledge and the enjoyment of it, would have been immeasurably enlarged.

I dwell at length upon this theme because there are some in the district, and among them even teachers of the schools, who hold that there is no time in these partly graded schools of ours to take up the study of nature. If there is time to teach geography, there should be time to teach elementary science, and the live teacher will see numberless opportunities to correlate the study of nature with that of geography and of language. Through this means, but little extra time is taken, while not only the object of nature study is being accomplished, but also there is added to the regular subject an enlivening "many-sided" interest.

Drawing, as well as nature study, has been much neglected throughout the district, although the pupils of certain individual teachers have been doing excellent work in that subject. The value of the study of drawing in training the hand and eye, in helping to a knowledge of form and proportion, and, as the work advances, in leading up to the appreciation of art, as well as its value in all branches requiring illustration, is too well known to need further remarks here. During this school year, in the elementary grades, this study has been taken up in connection with the nature work as far as practicable in accordance with the plan advocated by the State Supervisor of Drawing.

In music, also, new interest has recently been awakened. For some months last spring we were without a supervisor of music. As a result less attention was given to this line of work and the musical efforts of a majority of the schools were correspondingly ragged. Late in the spring term, we were fortunate enough to secure the services of Miss Annie M. Barnes of Waltham, as special music teacher. Under her able direction, the work has greatly improved, and any unprejudiced observer would readily commend the wisdom of the appropriation for competent musical supervision. Through the recommendation of Miss Barnes, charts and music readers of the Natural Course in Music have been placed in the lower grades, and, so far as can be judged from a short trial, they are proving very satisfactory. I wish to call your careful attention to the report of Miss Barnes, in which she sets forth the value of music as a factor in education.

I am in sympathy with the remarks of my predecessor in his report of 1897, concerning the advisability of placing standard literature, instead of the old-fashioned readers, in the hands of pupils above the fourth grade ; and, as far as the limited appropriation would allow, the plan has been carried into effect. I believe that, through this means, an early taste for good literature will be developed, which will testify to the wisdom of the recommendation.

Up to the present time, teachers' meetings have been held as often as seemed practicable, and I hope to make them of more frequent occurrence in the future. Besides discussing general plans and methods, I have endeavored to add interest to the meetings and to give an opportunity for increased efficiency on the part of the teaching force by conducting a course in professional reading.

The scheme of term examinations, which I found in vogue in the district, had certain prominent faults which I

have endeavored to modify. According to that system, the superintendent made out a uniform set of questions for the whole district; at the close of each term, upon the work laid out in the course of study. This plan has elements both of strength and weakness: strength, in that it helps to secure and maintain uniformity in the work, and consequent ease of supervision; weakness, in that, like the centralized Regent's system of New York State, it tends toward dry-as-dust machine instruction. The tendency is for the teacher to work with the one end in mind, that the children must answer that set of ten questions made out by the Superintendent. She hesitates to teach anything outside of the text limited by a set number of pages prescribed by the course, and thus to broaden the general knowledge of the pupil, for she knows that her value to the Superintendent is measured by the number of children who receive high marks in the test. She, therefore, tries to focus their attention upon those prescribed pages, and trains and drills in an effort to create little automatons who, upon the pressure of a certain spring, will stand forth and, in perfect unison, do the same phonographic act. The saving feature is that her plan does not always succeed. Once in a while a child has an internal mechanism which she cannot reach and fashion like the others, and then come the strange answers which astonish and mystify the teacher. Too often, however, her plan does succeed—a result which stifles all real interest in school work. It would be a less evil for one teacher to take up percentage while another with the same grade was teaching fractions, than to deaden the natural curiosity of the child by narrowing his vision to a few set pages; a less evil to increase the work of the Superintendent than to destroy the individuality of both teacher and pupil.

With a view to remedy in part this mechanical effect of the uniform examinations, and yet to maintain uniformity in the work, I instituted a plan which was tried for the first time at the close of the fall term. Each teacher was assigned certain subjects—for instance, one teacher was given geography and language for stated grades; another, history and arithmetic, and so on—and asked to make out and send to the Superintendent ten test questions in each of those branches, so that, finally, the Superintendent would have usually about six sets of ten questions each upon every subject for examination. From these sixty questions, the Superintendent chose ten, or twelve with a choice of ten, and distributed them to the teachers for their term examinations. Through the execution of this scheme in which so many take part in the test-making, questions of great variety in form result, and the tendency toward a stereotyped mode of questioning, to which a single examiner is liable, is largely obviated. As the teacher has a hand in shaping the tests, she feels that she may be a little more independent in her work through the term, and that she need not wholly restrain her own individuality nor that of her pupil. The Superintendent, likewise, has his part in the choice of questions; and the fact that these lists from the several teachers pass through his hands, gives him an opportunity to gain a pretty accurate idea of the manner in which the teachers have handled the different subjects in the class room.

I realize that the plan as outlined does away but in part with the objections to uniform examinations hereinbefore stated. In the ideal system, the teacher, subject of course to suggestions from the Superintendent, would do her own work in her own way and give her own examinations when she thought they were necessary; but existing

circumstances seem to make it preferable for the present, though the system is open to serious criticism, to have the examinations chiefly under the individual control of the Superintendent. One reason for this is the fact that the conditions governing the three towns of the district are greatly varied, making unification of the work important, in order that the duties of supervision may be simplified. Another reason, applying especially to this town, is the frequent change in the teaching force. This is due to an insufficient appropriation for salaries, in consequence of which the school authorities are powerless to raise the pay of a teacher, even though such advance is richly deserved and is evidently for the best interests of the school. These changes render it impossible to depend upon the teachers to sustain effectively a policy initiated by the superintendent. If the voters of the town, through a larger appropriation for salaries, would bring about a more permanent tenure of office, I should hope, after a time, to have so thorough an understanding with the teachers that we could carry out a definite policy without the deadening influence of centralized examinations.

This review of the past year would not be complete without a reference to the High School. I wish to commend the work of the Principal under whose direction the school is evincing a steady and satisfactory progress. With his co-operation, an improvement in the course of study has been projected to take effect with the present entering class. For an explanation of this change, and for other matters pertaining particularly to the High School, I refer you to Mr. Bragdon's report.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

As an important measure for the future improvement of your schools, I wish to recommend a better system of grading for the outlying districts. At present these outlying schools are made up of six grades, and, in some instances, seven. We cannot expect that the children will receive the proper amount of instruction when a teacher must handle so many grades. She obviously cannot compete with the teachers at the center of the town who have in charge but three grades each. With the present school-building accommodations, it is impossible to convey the pupils of the intermediate grades from the outlying districts to the Center. Unless the building at the Center is enlarged, some plan ought to be adopted for maintaining another intermediate school for the accommodation of the children from Northville, Eastville, Curtisville and Satucket. With a small extra expense for transportation, the school building at Eastville could be used for intermediate grades. The coach which now passes through Satucket, Curtisville and Eastville, could carry the children of the intermediate grades from the two first-named places to Eastville. The extra expenditure mentioned above would arise for a conveyance over the short route between Northville and Curtisville. This coach would be needed to carry intermediate grades from Northville to Eastville, the primary children of Eastville, living south of Central street, to Curtisville, and, on the return trip, to carry the primary children of Eastville, living north of Central street, to Northville.

Under this plan, therefore, the only additional expense would be incurred for this short coach-line; there would be no increase in the number of teachers; the system of grad-

ing would be vastly improved, and the quality of the instruction proportionally better. Does the town not owe this improvement to her outlying districts? Will it pay the citizens of the town to give an opportunity for the accusation that, merely because a majority of the voters live in the village, the Center receives all the advantages while the outer districts are neglected?

At the Beaver School the change of grading may be accomplished easily by opening the extra room and conducting both a primary and intermediate department as in former years. With the present number of children at Beaver it is essential that this division of grades shall go into effect, for during the past term the school has been overcrowded, and only by opening the other apartment can satisfactory results be attained.

There is another reason of rapidly growing importance why fewer grades should be given the teachers of the outlying schools. To keep pace with educational advancement throughout the country, in a short time, our system of promotions must undergo a decided change. A protest is going up from progressive educators against the "lock step" scheme of grading and promoting. Under the present system of promoting but once a year, a bright pupil may be ever so capable of advancing faster than his class, yet the leap from one grade to the next is too great for him. On the other hand, if a pupil is rather dull and cannot keep up with his class, or if for illness or other reason, he is necessarily absent for a time, he must drop back a full year to the class below. Thus no allowance is made for the differing capacities of the children. The bright pupil is held back and made to "mark time"; the dull one is pushed ahead faster than he should go. The former is injured by idleness;

the latter, by lack of thoroughness. By means of this machine-like system of grading and promotions, kept in running order by the uniform examinations, the bright, the mediocre, and the dull are all fashioned alike; the individual is lost sight of; without respect to differences in ability and effort, the tendency is to reduce the unfortunate children to "symmetrical nonentities."

Within the last few years, a number of schemes of more flexible grading have been evolved which have been of assistance in ameliorating the hard-and-fast system of yearly promotions.

The group system of classification has been adopted in many places, apparently with gratifying results. Mr. Prince, in the *Educational Review* for last March, quoted the plan of the superintendent at Leominster as follows: "In the lowest grades we divide pupils into four or five groups, higher grades into three, and sometimes, possibly only two. Pupils pass readily from one group to the next higher without the so-called 'jump', whereby a certain amount of work is always lost. Pupils in the most advanced group in a room are doing about the same work as pupils in the lowest division or group of the next higher room. This enables pupils to go readily from one group to another, and, at the same time, also from one room to another."

In a recent number of the *Journal of Education*, Superintendent Lewis, of Hastings, Minnesota, writes as follows of his plan: "In 1878, I divided the work in the grades below the high school into twenty-four, instead of the eight parts into which they were then divided, so there was only twelve weeks' instead of a year's work between classes." The weak pupil, therefore, has only to drop back

twelve weeks to find a class where he can work to advantage. The bright pupil has but a gap of twelve weeks to cover in order "to gain a class." Mr. Lewis says further: "Thus it is apparent that we deal with individuals as well as with groups. We have no such thing as promotion of classes; a group simply progresses from one division of the work to another, or as we say from term to term, regardless of the vacations; but when a pupil closes the gap between his own and the class above, there is an 'individual promotion' at whatever time of the year or day of the week he is ready for promotion."

These are but two of many similar plans. I have given these outlines that you may gain an idea of the reform which our own school system must soon undergo if we are to escape the dead formalism of our present plan and keep pace with modern educational progress. The change of systems could be brought about much more easily in this town if the present grading were simplified by maintaining intermediate schools at Eastville and Beaver as I have suggested. In consequence of the better distribution of the work, the teachers would take hold of the new plan with better courage and we could feel reasonably confident of final success. This measure looking toward a more elastic grading, demands your serious attention and I trust it will receive your hearty co-operation.

I have already mentioned the necessity for a larger appropriation for salaries if we are to secure permanency of tenure and consequent efficiency on the part of the teachers. Whatever the quality of the teacher, however, she cannot do the required work without the proper tools. The schools have suffered in many instances during the year because the amount appropriated would not warrant the purchase of

necessary books. I suggest, therefore, that, at the annual town meeting, an appropriation for books and supplies be requested of such amount that our faithful hardworking teachers shall not be subjected to unnecessary and discouraging inconvenience. I assure you that your superintendent will do his share toward seeing that the books and supplies purchased are put to appropriate and economical use.

In behalf of the High School, I desire to emphasize especially that part of Mr. Bragdon's report in which he suggests greater attention to securing conditions of neatness, comfort, and proper sanitation.

A recommendation which I feel sure will be favored by all, is one in the interests of the little people in their first attempts to read. For these beginning classes, I advocate the introduction of the "Rational Method" in reading. This system has been used during the past year with the primary grades of West Bridgewater and has proved a marked success. I have been surprised at the ease with which the children taught by Mr. Ward's method have handled reading matter which, under the ordinary systems in reading, would have been considered far too difficult for pupils of their age and grade. This method is a happy combination of the word and phonetic systems. The word method alone demanded a prodigious exercise of the memory which was discouraging to the child; the new system requires the learning only of a sufficient number of words for a ground-work to provide a key and to make the child self-reliant. In the old-time phonetic system, the pupil found great difficulty in blending the many varied sounds into which words were divided; in the new system, by means of "phonograms", as the phonetic parts of words are called, the words are less minutely divided and the blending of

sounds is much more easily accomplished. I recommend that desk copies of the *Manual of Instruction* and *Primer* of this set of books be provided at once for all the primary teachers, that they may gain a thorough understanding of the system preparatory to taking up the work with their next entering classes.

In conclusion, I ask you, parents and citizens, to do what you can to come into closer touch with the teachers and schools. Do not wait for public exercises; visit the schools when they are doing every-day work. By your presence, you will arouse the pupils and inspire the teachers to stronger effort. Become familiar with the needs and merits of the schools, and the committee, the teachers and the superintendent will appreciate your advice and co-operation.

I wish to express my sincere approbation of the faithful work and loyalty of the teachers. I thank the citizens for the courtesy they have shown me, and the members of the committee for their kind assistance and valuable counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK O. JONES,

Superintendent of Schools.

East Bridgewater, Jan. 27, 1899.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

To Frank O. Jones, Supt. of Schools:

In compliance with your request I submit the following statement of the work of the High School for the year now closing. It is a pleasure to me to say that no disciplinary or other trouble has occurred to mar the record of the year. The pupils of the school have apparently accepted the pro-

positions expressed in my report of a year ago, and have entered so heartily into the execution of them, that the school is practically self-governing.

The ideal to which I aspire has not been reached, but some progress toward it has been made.

The amount of work accomplished during the year is greater in most cases than in former years and is not inferior in quality. This has not been accomplished without effort on the part of the pupils. I have seen their efforts to accomplish the tasks set for them, and their sorrow when they failed, and have sympathized with them. I have also noticed their happy looks and buoyant spirits when difficulties have been met and vanquished, and have had joy in their joy. Without this co-operation of the pupils with us we could not have accomplished as much as we have. The course of study adopted in Sept. 1897 has proved all that I expected. Time and attention has been concentrated on few branches of study, and the pupils have reaped the advantage in a better understanding of their work. My greatest objection to the course as now arranged is this: Pupils of the three years' course are classed in their senior year with pupils who have had a year more of school training than themselves. The difference in mental ability between these two classes is very pronounced. To hold the pupils of the four years' course back to the standard of the three year seniors is unfair to the more advanced pupils; and on the other hand, to force seniors in the three years' course beyond the limit of their power is to do *them* an injury. Therefore I am glad that the committee are considering the advisability of lengthening the English course to four years. Such a course ought to afford preparation for technical and scientific schools.

The work which was begun last year, in mechanical drawing has not been continued this year, chiefly because of dislike on my part to urge pupils to purchase the instruments, as the class did last year. It seems to me that some provision for supplying these instruments should be made, if the proposed course be adopted.

I am a firm believer in the idea that neat and orderly surroundings are prerequisites to a good school. Any attempt to teach principles of neatness, or love for the beautiful in the home or place of business is rendered wellnigh futile when the daily environment of the pupils is in marked contrast with such instruction. I therefore suggest that more attention be given to securing such conditions in and about our building. Torn curtains, broken door knobs and rattling windows, dirty glass and dusty furniture are fertile producers of disorderliness and destructiveness in pupils. Moral as well as physical considerations demand that attention be given at once to sanitary conditions.

With gratitude to you and the members of the Committee for expressions of confidence in me and my work, and your efforts to help me in carrying out my plans, and the hope that another year, under whosoever administration it may be, may be productive of still greater results.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. BRAGDON, *Principal*.

January 7, 1899.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Education is a process of developing the intellect, and a study has value in so far as it is a developer.

Music deals largely with the emotions, and by means of this power has great advantages in the development of the child mind. For when we have reached the emotional side of the child, we have reached to the depths of the soul, and then that soul is ours for grand development.

Music in the public schools can be made to serve **many** purposes; some of these we have tried to carry out thus far in our work in the schools.

Music as music has a value; it also has great value as an assistant along other lines of study. Nothing so directly aids in the development of the sense of hearing as music. Work along this line is constantly given in the lower grades.

Songs of the seasons help largely in the nature work, which study today is threading so generally the work of the primary grades.

The patriotic songs assist in the teaching of patriotism; they also serve as a means of inspiration.

Music is a factor in the art of controlling a school, especially in the lower grades. The whole moral atmosphere can be changed by means of the quiet, or lively song.

It is in the primary grades that the rote song finds its home; and it is here the scale and scale relation of tones is mastered.

The idea of rhythm is first presented here. But to have music serve a high purpose in the upper grades, the technique must be acquired.

The pupils must be familiar with all the standard keys, and acquire an ability to read and sing in any of these at sight according to the grade; understand the use and beauty

of chromatics, and appreciate rhythm in all its forms ; also have a clear idea of the major and minor effects in music.

We are striving to give pupils a thorough foundation in the art of singing and reading music, not forgetting that the growing voice must have proper attention for its own right development and for the production of pure, sweet, musical tone.

It is also our endeavor to so present and develop our subject, that the lives of our pupils will be sweetened, broadened and inspired thereby.

• Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE M. BARNES,

Supervisor of Music.

LIST OF TEACHERS.

NAME.	WHEN ELECTED.	SCHOOL AND GRADE.
Fred. E. Bragdon	Sept. 1896	Prin. High.
Lydia R. Smith	March 1897	Ass't " "
Maud L. Johnson	Sept. 1895	Prin. gram., VII., VIII., IX
Laura E. Johnson	" 1896	Ass't Gram
Minnie H. Churchill	" 1898	" " "
Harriet N. Peterson	March 1896	Cent. Int., IV., V., VI.
E. Isabelle Ramsdell	Sept. 1895	North Prim., I., II., III.
Grace L. Cook.	" 1898	" " " " "
Marion I. Bailey	" 1896	West Int., IV., V., VI., VII
Clara A. Gomborg	May 1898	" " " " " "
Blanche Watson	Sept. 1898	" " " " " "
Cora B. Crabtre	Nov. 1894	" Primary, I., II., III.
Phosie B. Peterson	Sept. 1895	Elmw'd Int., IV., V., VI., VII
A. Lillian Warren	" 1898	" " " " " "
Georgiana Calef	May 1896	" Primary, I., II., III.
Hattie M. Wilbar	Sept. 1897	Satucket, I.—VII
Anna Hill	" 1897	Curtisville, I.—VII
Margaret A. Gow	" 1898	" I.—VI.
Mary A. Bailey	" 1896	Eastville, I.—VII.
Carrie L. Paine	April 1898	" I.—VI.
Mabel A. Hatch	Sept. 1896	Northville, I.—VI
Julia Mansfield	March 1892	Beaver, " " "

SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
EAST BRIDGEWATER
For the Year 1899.



1900:
EAST BRIDGEWATER STAR.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1899.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.—HENRY GURNEY,
SAMUEL C. WHITE, EZRA S. WHITMARSH.

Town Clerk and Collector.—FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer.—JARVIS BURRELL.

Auditor.—N. FRANK DUNPHE.

School Committee.—FANNIE M. SHAW, SUSAN B. DUNPHE, three
years; EDWARD T. MORSE, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, two years;
ROBERT O. HARRIS, LURA HARDEN, one year.

Superintendent of Schools.—FRANK O. JONES.

Board of Health.—WILLIAM T. GREENE, three years; DR. WALTER
H. ADAMS, two years; DR. ALLAN L. SHIRLEY, one year.

Trustees of Public Library.—Josephine D. Harris, Rev. Clarence Lath-
bury, three years; Edmund W. Nutter, Mary H. Rust, two years;
Isaac N. Nuttner, William H. Taylor, one year.

Constables.—William T. Greene, Edward E. Edson, Benjamin Siddall,
Thos. S. H. Rounséville, George A. Root.

Fence Viewers.—George H. Sturtevant, A. Harris Latham.

Field Drivers.—James Roach, Walter H. Adams.

Town Hall Committee.—George F. Lombard, Charles A. Mills, Cor-
nelius L. Vosmos.

Superintendent of Streets.—William T. Greene.

Registrars of Voters.—Fred E. Fuller, three years; Amos Hunting,
two years; Arthur G. Waterman, one year; Frank Smith, *ex officio*,
Clerk.

Fire Engineers.—Irving Horton, William T. Greene, Levi A. Baker,
T. S. H. Rounseville, Minot S. Curtis.

Weighers.—George W. Alger, William Edson, Thos. H. Perkins.

Surveyors of Lumber.—Arthur C. Churchill, Joshua Dean, Hosea
Hathaway.

Measurers of Wood.—William B. Hall, William H. Taylor.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.—Jarvis Burrell.

Inspector of Meats and Provisions.—Stillman W. Ward.

Inspector of Animals.—Isaac T. Hatch.

Pound Keeper.—Henry W. Sears.

Town Physician.—Dr. Walter H. Adams.

Auditor.—(Appointed to fill unexpired term of N. Frank Dunphe), Herbert
L. Waterman.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1899.

Schools,	\$6,650 00	
Text Books,	600 00	
Incidentals,	300 00	
Superintendent's Salary,	350 00	
Music Teacher,	200 00	
Transportation,	500 00	
Minor Repairs,	150 00	
Water Supply,	100 00	
Printing,	75 00	
Insurance,	60 00	
Repairs on Beaver School House,	300 00	
		<hr/> \$9,285 00
Highways,	\$3,000 00	
Bridges,	500 00	
Sidewalks,	500 00	
Removal of Snow,	1,400 00	
Street Lighting,	500 00	
Drainage,	500 00	
		<hr/> \$6,400 00
Support of Poor,	\$3,000 00	
Soldiers' Relief,	500 00	
Military Aid,	150 00	
Memorial Day,	100 00	
Incidental Expenses,	500 00	
Town Officers,	1,300 00	
Water Supply,	1,125 00	
Fire Department,	500 00	
Public Library,	500 00	
Police Duty and Suppression of Crime,	250 00	
Board of Health,	50 00	
Repairs on Town Hall,	300 00	
Care of "Old Cemetery,"	25 00	
		<hr/> \$8,300 00
New Arch Bridge,		1,600 00
		<hr/> \$25,585 00

List of Proposed Jurors.

Adam, John	Carpenter
Allen, George W.	Salesman
Bennett, Charles E.	Machinist
Benson, Walter L.	Stable Keeper
Burrell, Jarvis,	Printer
Churchill, Luther	Farmer
Churchill, Newton	Salesman
Clark, Charles F.	Foreman
Curtis, Minot S.	Painter
Duane, William M.	Machinist
Fuller, Fred E.	Merchant
Gurney, David W.	Farmer
Harris, William T.	Carpenter
Hill, Henry G.	Farmer
Jones, Joseph D.	Box Manufacturer
Keith, Frank O.	Shoemaker
Keith, Herbert C.	Farmer
Keith, Samuel	Bank President
Latham, A. Harris	Farmer
Lothrop, Waldo P.	Shoemaker
Lyons, Michael H.	Machinist
Nutter, Charles L.	Draughtsman
Paine, Howard	Machinist
Parker, Alfred B.	Machinist
Perkins, Thomas H.	Clerk

Pendergrast, James	Machinist
Pratt, Charles W.	Farmer
Shattuck, Benjamin F.	Farmer
Strong, Joseph H.	Paymaster
Ward, Eliab N.	Butcher
Washburn, Noah A.	Farmer
Waterman, Charles W.	Machinist
White, Elbridge W.	Tacker
White, William H.	Machinist

Report of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

Orders Have Been Drawn in Favor of the
Following Persons :

STATE AID, *Chap. 374, Acts of 1899.*

Henry W. Bird,	\$48 00
Andrew G. Blackman,	48 00
Elizabeth S. Blackman,	12 00
Algernon S. Brett,	36 00
Henry Burns,	48 00
John Carroll,	36 00
Sarah M. Caswell,	48 00
Francis B. Chamberlain,	48 00
Esther Chamberlain,	6 00
Henry Cook,	36 00
David W. Duane,	48 00
Bridget Duane,	36 00
George R. Dyer,	48 00
Helen M. Dyer,	48 00
William A. Dyson,	15 00
Hannah S. Dyson,	48 00
Francis R. Flagg,	36 00
Mary J. Fuller,	12 00
Betsey A. Hale,	14 00

Eliza J. Hamilton,	\$48 00
Luther Harden,	8 00
Noah T. Harding,	48 00
Edward F. Hassett,	36 00
Jacob P. Hill,	36 00
Rebecca Hinckley,	48 00
Joshua Hollis,	48 00
Augustus M. Howe,	72 00
Julia H. Howe,	48 00
Clarissa K. Howland,	48 00
Alonzo W. Leach,	48 00
Henry A. Osborne,	72 00
Nancy W. Pratt,	48 00
Catharine Quigley,	8 00
Nathan Reed,	72 00
Henry B. Rogers,	48 00
Ezra F. Sampson,	46 00
Joan Sampson,	28 00
William S. Sampson,	60 00
Lucy F. Smith,	12 00
Hannah R. Studley,	16 00
Zenas W. Sturtevant,	30 80
Jane A. Sturtevant,	16 00
Betsey A. Thompson,	28 00
Thankful O. Trow,	24 00
Selden M. Washburn,	37 00
Joseph M. Whitman,	48 00
Lizzie D. Whitman,	24 00
Mariah A. Whitman,	48 00
Abigail K. Winsor,	48 00

 \$1,872 80

Refunded by State December next.

Military Aid.

Chap. 372, Acts of 1899.

John McAvin,	\$120 00	
Ferender C. Negus,	144 00	
	<hr/>	\$264 00
Appropriation,	\$150 00	
Overdrawn,	114 00	
	<hr/>	\$264 00
Due from State December next,		\$132 00

Soldiers' Relief,

Chap. 447, Acts of 1899.

Mary A. E. Atwood,	\$128 90	
George R. Dyer,	11 50	
E. Felix,	36 00	
Eliza J. Hamilton,	30 51	
Edward A. Howard,	5 50	
Rebecca Hinckley,	36 00	
Augustus M. Howe,	10 00	
Lydia A. Magoun,	48 00	
Henry A. Osborne,	13 50	
Julius Reinhart,	89 63	
Ida M. Snooks,	132 41	
Augustus B. Vickery,	8 00	
Ella F. Wentworth,	96 00	
Joseph M. Whitman,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$653 95
Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Overdrawn,	153 95	
	<hr/>	\$653 95

Soldiers' Relief--Continued.

Paid by City of Brockton,	\$ 89 63	
“ “ Town of Abington,	132 41	
Due from “ “ Marshfield,	128 90	
“ “ “ “ Whitman,	36 00	
	<hr/>	\$386 94

Memorial Day.

E. E. Edson, Post 124, G. A. R.,	\$100 00
Appropriation,	100 00

Public Library.

I. N. Nutter, Treasurer,	\$500 00
Appropriation,	500 00

Water Supply.

Rental of 36 Hydrants,	\$1,080 00	
Central Street Trough,	19 54	
Satucket Trough, 6 months,	12 50	
G. M. Webber, repairs,	5 07	
Unexpended,	7 89	
	<hr/>	\$1,125 00
Appropriation,		1,125 00

Fire Department.

M. S. Curtis, Treasurer,	\$500 00
Appropriation,	500 00

Street Lighting.

A. S. Brett,	\$ 2 61	
L. A. Flagg,	40 86	
W. W. Houghton,	221 00	
A. Hunting,	89 08	
W. K. Lyon,	48 00	
A. R. Parker,	5 50	
C. T. Ward,	18 00	
G. M. Webber,	35 07	
F. F. White,	8 00	
Unexpended,	31 88	
	<hr/>	\$500 00
Appropriation,		500 00

Police Service.

E. S. Whitmarsh, handcuffs,	\$ 3 75	
E. E. Edson,	159 20	
E. A. Porter,	3 00	
George A. Root,	5 00	
T. S. H. Rounseville,	11 75	
Unexpended,	67 30	
	<hr/>	\$250 00
Appropriation,		250 00

Board of Health.

A. T. Bradford, burying hog,	\$ 2 00	
J. Burrell, cash paid insurance,	3 60	
Henry Hobart, storage,	5 00	
Alger & Co., express,	75	
Frank Smith, services as agent,	10 00	
Unexpended,	28 65	
	<hr/>	\$50 00
Appropriation,		50 00

Repairs on Town Hall.

M. S. Curtis, painting,	\$250 00	
C. L. Vosmos, repairs,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$300 00
Appropriation,		300 00

Care of Old Cemetery.

John Hobart, fertilizer, etc.,	\$20 50	
A. K. Benson, labor,	3 50	
Unexpended,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$25 00
Appropriation,		25 00

Incidental Expenses.

F. Hallett & Co., printing reports,	\$ 97 00
D. W. Gurney, distributing reports,	5 00
W. B. Chamberlain, repairing pump,	60
F. E. Fuller & Co., blank books,	1 08
Saba W. Churchill, type writing,	2 30
George Hudson, services as janitor, etc.,	12 20
E. B. Savings Bank, rent of office,	150 00
Town of Hanson, tax,	26
“ “ Whitman, tax,	19 32
J. Burrell, postals, printing, etc.,	49 09
G. F. Lombard, labor on booths,	3 00
F. M. Shaw, copying,	12 50
C. F. Mann, administering oaths,	2 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, railroad fares,	5 80
“ “ telephone,	1 60
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	7 40

Incidental Expenses--Con.

S. C. White, railroad fares,	5 20	
“ “ postage,	60	
“ “ distributing reports,	3 50	
	<hr/>	9 30
H. Gurney, railroad fares,	4 16	
“ “ horse,	1 25	
“ “ postage,	1 50	
	<hr/>	6 91
James Roach, horse hire, Selectmen,		18 00
Alger & Co., express,		3 00
E. T. Morse, railroad fares,		2 40
E. E. Edson, enforcing dog law,		4 80
W. H. Adams, M. D., return of births,		3 50
O. W. Charles, “ “ “ “		50
C. E. Lovell, “ “ “ “		75
A. A. MacKeen, “ “ “ “		1 75
Howard Clark & Co., “ “ deaths,		1 00
L. Holbrook & Son, “ “ “		7 50
F. S. Howard, “ “ “		2 00
C. L. McCann, “ “ “		1 50
W. S. Prophett, “ “ “		2 00
Frank Smith, Tax Books,		4 75
Unexpended,		68 59
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		\$500 00
Appropriation,		500 00

Town Officers.

N. F. Dunphe, Auditor,	\$ 25 00
T. E. Luddy, Teller, November, '98,	2 50
P. M. Churchill, Teller, March, '99,	1 50
W. O. Vinton, Teller, March and November, '99,	4 00

Town Officers--Con.

M. H. Lyons, Ballot Clerk, November, '98,	2 50
H. H. Thorndike, Ballot Clerk, November, '99,	2 50
E. E. Edson, Ballot Clerk, November, '99,	2 50
A. Hunting, Ballot Clerk, November, '99,	2 50
A. Hunting, Registrar,	15 00
F. E. Fuller, Registrar,	15 00
A. G. Waterman, Registrar,	15 00
E. E. Edson, Posting Warrants,	18 00
E. T. Morse, Treasurer School Committee,	20 00
S. W. Ward, Inspector of Meats, etc.,	82 50
I. T. Hatch, Inspector of Cattle, etc.,	100 00
W. H. Adams, M. D., Town Physician,	100 00
J. Burrell, Treasurer,	150 00
H. Gurney, Selectman, etc.,	234 99
S. C. White, Selectman, etc.,	152 50
E. S. Whitmarsh, Selectman, etc.,	121 75
Frank Smith, Town Clerk,	102 05
“ “ Collector of Taxes,	267 75
	<hr/> \$1,437 54
Appropriation,	1,300 00
Overdrawn,	137 54
	<hr/> \$1,437 54

Highways, Bridges, and Sidewalks.

W. T. Greene, Superintendent of Streets,	\$5,062 96
Appropriation,	\$4,000 00
See Supt. of Streets' report.	

Removal of Snow.

Dana F. Edson, bill of 1897,	\$	1	00	
W. T. Greene, Superintendent of Streets,		1,259	00	
Unexpended,		140	00	
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Appropriation,				\$1,400 00
				1,400 00

Drainage.

W. T. Greene, Superintendent of Streets,	\$225	44	
George M. Webber, drain pipe,	127	35	
Unexpended,	147	21	
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Appropriation,			\$500 00
			500 00

Arch Bridge, Union Street.

Berlin Iron Bridge Co.,	\$1,600	00	
Appropriation,		1,600	00

Trust Funds.

LATHAM FUND.

Amount of Fund,		\$500	00	
Interest accrued,			17	57
Paid, trimming hedge,	4	00		
Water at Satucket,	12	50		
Unexpended,	1	07		
			<hr/>	\$17 57

Trust Funds--Con.

ALDEN FUND.

At the beginning of the year the fund had been reduced by the frequent calls upon it. We have been under the necessity of withholding aid upon many requests for its benefits during the year.

Amount of Fund,	\$2,625 00
On deposit Jan. 1, 1899,	2,555 83
Interest for the year,	96 60
Available for use 1899,	27 43

We have distributed some \$67.00 during the year; \$40.00 of this amount is unpaid.

During the year wood and timber to the amount of \$575.00 has been sold from the lot, \$125.00 of which has been paid and deposited in the bank, and the remainder will be placed there when paid.

Amount of Fund Jan. 1, 1900,	\$2,750 00
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CROSSMAN AND WHITMAN FUND.

Amount of Fund,	\$2,000 00
Interest for the year,	78 25
Paid J. S. Lane & Sons, crushed stone,	52 45
Balance,	25 80
	<hr/> \$78 25

This amount being insufficient to place the stone upon the road, it was paid to the Superintendent of Streets, who completed the work at a larger cost, in connection with the other highway work.

JOHNSON FUND.

Amount of Fund,	\$1,500 00
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The interest from which was drawn by the Treasurer and paid to Trustees of Public Library.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT FUND.

There is now on deposit,	\$185 86
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Town Meeting.

Articles to be acted upon at the annual town meeting, to be held Monday, March 5, 1900 :—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the reports of town officers and committees.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate all sums of money necessary for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To adopt some measures for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To vote upon the question: "SHALL LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS BE GRANTED IN THIS TOWN?"
Yes or no.

ART. 8. To act upon a list of jurors as proposed by the Selectmen.

ART. 9. To determine the manner of repairing the highways for the ensuing year.

ART. 10. To see if the town will raise a sum of money for the care of the Old Cemetery.

Assessors' Department.

Value of real estate taxed,	\$1,206,499 00
“ “ personal estate taxed,	231,645 00
No. Polls taxed,	877
Town grants,	\$25,585 00
State tax,	885 00
County tax,	2,250 18
	<hr/> \$28,720 18
Estimate from State,	2,500 00
	<hr/> \$26,220 18
Overlay,	701 34
	<hr/> \$26,921 52
Rate of taxation, \$17.50 per \$1000.	
Tax on real estate,	\$21,113 60
“ “ personal estate,	4,054 11
“ “ Polls,	1,754 00
	<hr/> \$26,921 71
Gained by fractions, .19.	
Subsequently assessed,	\$ 2 00
Street Railways Excise tax,	198 54
	<hr/> \$27,122 25
Value of buildings, excluding land,	\$842 086 00
“ “ land, excluding buildings,	364 413 00
Amount exempted,	23,120 00
Exemptions granted,	50
Number of residents taxed on property,	1076
“ “ non-residents taxed,	859
Taxed on Poll only,	321
Total number taxed,	2,256
Horses taxed,	430
Cows taxed,	548
Other neat cattle taxed,	68

Swine taxed,	33
Fowls “	1,987
Houses “	670
Acres of land taxed,	8,663

ABATEMENTS.

A. S. Bass, overtaxed,	\$2 62
James Munroe, exemption,	10 75
Hannah R. Stanley, exemption,	8 75
Margaret Crowley, overtaxed,	2 62
Joseph Little estate of, exemption,	8 75
Frank Smith, collector taxes of 1899,	167 55
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	\$201 04

Department of Overseers of the Poor.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Ed. O'Donnell, labor,	\$ 29 00	
John Beard, Jr., "	170 00	
James Beard, "	6 00	
John Cunningham, labor,	27 50	
W. F. Hudson, labor,	13 55	
	<hr/>	\$246 05
H. Hathaway, ice, 1897,	10 00	
H. E. Marble, ice,	20 24	
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G. M. Webber, supplies and repairs,		82 40
J. W. Sturtevant, blacksmithing,		45 23
Greene & Gurney, fertilizer,	22 75	
" " " eight pigs,	20 00	
" " " bull,	20 00	
" " " balance on cows,	55 00	
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Geo. D. Steadman, balance on cow,		40 00
James M'Grath, cow,		50 00
Joshua Dean, grain,	294 66	
" " coal,	95 58	
	<hr/>	390 24
A. Hunting, groceries,		332 90
E. N. Ward, meat,		164 34
E. S. Whitmarsh, clothing,		37 25
F. E. Fuller & Co., dry goods,		45 68

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT==CON.

James Roach, pumping cesspool,	\$ 14 00
Frank Smith, sundries,	3 75
H. W. Sears, warden,	325 00
Burial N. Wade,	19 00
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	\$1,943 83

CR.

From sale of milk,	\$ 85 00
Due from town of Whitman,	177 35
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Net expense,	\$262 35
	1,681 48

WOOD LOT.

Received from J. D. Jones, box boards,	\$131 75
“ “ wood sold,	22 00
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	\$153 75
Paid J. Cunningham, cutting,	46 79
“ T. F. Andrews, sawing,	32 09
Net surplus,	74 87
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	153 75

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Jan. 1, 1899, Cash on hand,	\$31 89
Received for hay,	74 97
“ “ hides,	7 80
“ “ calves,	20 50
“ “ pork,	35 52
“ “ bull,	18 00
“ “ potatoes,	18 10
“ “ milk,	78 88
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	\$285 56

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT--CON.

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By paid for clothing,	\$ 5 75	
groceries,	2 67	
stock,	14 00	
fish,	10 83	
bread,	7 25	
labor,	36 00	
repairs,	2 75	
painting,	7 75	
fruit and vegetables,	9 50	
butchering,	13 25	
sawing bill,	8 26	
sundry supplies,	4 70	
paper,	4 25	
expense for Mrs. Bates,	21 35	
to town treasurer,	131 00	
cash on hand Dec. 31,	6 25	
	<hr/>	\$285 56

PRESENT INMATES OF HOUSE.

ADMITTED.

Sybil P. Dunbar, 67,	1879
Rebecca Cummings, 85,	July 1, 1884
Philetta Washburn, 67,	May 7, 1890
George W. Osborne, 41,	Aug. 6, 1892
Jotham Pratt, 79,	Jan. 5, 1894
Michael Winn, —	June 1, 1894
Elizabeth Bates, 27,	July 12, 1896
Lizzie W. Bates, 3,	Oct. 29, 1896
William N. Jenkins, 67,	Sept. 5, 1897
John Cummings, 84,	Dec. 2, 1897
Mary J. Barrows, 27,	Jan. 22, 1899
Alfred E. Eburn,	Aug. 22, 1899

Nicholas Wade died April 23d.

Whole number during year, 13. Average number, 11 3-5.

SUPPORT AT INSANE ASYLUMS.

Paid Medfield Insane Asylum :—

Support of Hannah Clarity,	\$ 14 26	
“ “ Robert Washburn,	146 00	
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Paid Worcester Insane Asylum :—

Support of Ellen A. Edson,	\$169 45	
“ “ Catharine Rogers,	169 48	
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		\$499 19

Hannah Clarity died Feb. 4th.

OUTSIDE AID.

Samuel Alden, aid to self,	\$ 16 00
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Annie M. Bunker and children :

Paid Geo. N. Holmes & Co.,	23 03	
City of Brockton,	52 98	
H. Gurney,	1 50	
	<hr/>	77 51

Patrick H. Crowley and family :

Paid Gillespie Bros.,	2 00	
Gilmore Bros.,	61 00	
F. Smith,	19 17	
City of Brockton,	22 77	
E. S. Whitmarsh,	1 25	
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Susan E. Dunbar and childred,	156 00
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Mrs. Delano :

Paid B. Curran,	2 50
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OUTSIDE AID==CON.

Alfred E. Eburn and children :

Paid A. Hunting,	\$ 1 40
E. S. Whitmarsh,	1 75
F. E. Fuller & Co.,	2 14
Eliza A. Wade,	30 00

 35 29

Michael Feeney :

Paid John Hobart,	4 95
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C. E. Fisher and family :

Paid W. H. Adams, M. D.,	11 50
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Nathan Ginsburg :

Paid A. Hunting,	14 87
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Charlotte Harden :

Paid John Hobart,	25 29
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Mabel L. Knapp :

Paid City of Boston,	13 00
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McChesney Children :

Paid E. A. Ramsdell,	48 00
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F. W. Peck :

Paid A. Hunting,	18 01
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C. W. Browne,	7 75
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 25 76

H. L. Ramsdell :

Paid B. E. Stanley,	18 00
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E. S. Whitmarsh,	1 25
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Town of Abington,	68 25
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 87 50

Mrs. Reardon :

Paid John Hobart,	3 25
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F. E. Fuller & Co.,	1 25
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Wood, Almshouse,	3 00
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 7 50

OUTSIDE AID==CON.

Olive Sprague :		
Paid D. W. Gurney,	\$14 00	
Joshua Dean,	6 25	
	<hr/>	\$20 25
Mary Stoddard ;		
Paid Gilmore Bros.,	72 00	
Geo. N. Holmes & Co.,	4 01	
W. H. Adams, M. D.,	1 20	
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—— Valade :		
Paid C. W. Browne,	17 20	
Joshua Dean,	2 00	
	<hr/>	19 20
Laura Washburn :		
Paid Sarah J. Mowry,		79 00
White Children :		
Paid F. O. Keith,	105 54	
E. S. Whitmarsh,	4 45	
	<hr/>	109 99
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		\$931 51
Paid by West Bridgewater,	- 167 50	
“ “ Easton,	25 76	
“ “ Hingham,	109 99	
Due from State,	34 07	
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		\$594 19

TRAMP HOUSE.

Paid D. W. Gurney, wood, etc.,	\$ 16 50
G. M. Webber, supplies,	65
G. F. Lombard, labor,	50
W. H. Adams, M. D.,	3 00

TRAMP HOUSE--CON.

Paid T. S. H. Rounseville, express,	\$ 7 10	
“ “ “ “ care 973 tramps,	243 25	
Wood, Almshouse,	10 00	
	<u> </u>	281 00

NET EXPENSE.

Almshouse,	\$1,681 48	
Insane,	499 19	
Outside Aid,	594 19	
Tramps,	<u> </u>	\$3,055 86
Appropriation,	3,000 00	
Overdrawn,	55 86	
	<u> </u>	3,055 86

Summary.

State Aid,	\$1,872 80	
Military Aid,	264 00	
Soldiers' Relief,	644 95	
Memorial Day,	100 00	
Public Library,	500 00	
Water Supply,	1,117 11	
Fire Department,	500 00	
Street Lighting,	468 12	
Police Service and Suppression of Crime,	182 70	
Board of Health,	21 35	
Repairs on Town Hall,	300 00	
Care of Old Cemetery,	24 00	
Town Officers,	1,437 54	
Incidental Expenses,	431 41	
New Bridge, Union Street,	1,600 00	
Highways, etc.,	5,062 96	
Drainage,	352 79	
Removal of Snow,	1,260 00	
Abatement of Taxes,	201 04	
Almshouse,	1,943 83	
Insane in Hospitals,	499 19	
Outside Aid,	1,215 16	
Tramp House,	271 00	
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Liabilities and Assets.

Dr.

To Borrowed in anticipation of taxes of		
1899,	\$3,000 00	
Accounts due, (estimated)	125 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,125 00

Cr.

By Cash in treasury,	\$3,211 42	
Uncollected taxes,	1,016 37	
Due from Street Railways,	76 80	
“ “ State, pauper account,	34 07	
“ “ Town of Whitman,	177 35	
	<hr/>	\$4,516 01

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY GURNEY,
SAMUEL C. WHITE,
E. S. WHITMARSH,

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

Report of Inspector of Meats.

During the year 1899 I have inspected 127 hogs, 140 calves, and three cows. Have condemned one hog. The rest I found in a very healthy condition.

S. W. WARD,

Inspector of Meats.

Report of Inspector of Cattle and Barns.

I began the inspection in October and found one hundred and seventy barns, which were in good condition, except a very few, which I ordered to be fixed.

I found seven hundred cows, twelve bulls, and four oxen. One cow proved to be tuberculous and was killed, as directed by the cattle commissioners.

I also inspected three hundred and fifty-one swine.

I. T. HATCH,

Inspector.

Fire Engineers' Report for 1899.

Paid each Company, (\$50.00)	\$100 00
F. C. Nutter,	30 00
Ned O'Donald,	2 00
S. A. Lusarder,	2 90
H. A. Andrews,	28 33
P. M. Churchill,	6 00
T. S. H. Rounseville, bill of 1898,	31 41
I. Horton,	7 50
Fire at car barn,	9 50
Grass fire,	2 50
James Roach,	26 50

FIRE ENGINEERS' REPORT.==CON.

P. W. Poole,	\$ 1 75	
Willis woods fire,	70 00	
G. M. Webber,	6 50	
F. D. Weld,	27 25	
Sabin N. Scribner,	23 65	
Keys for Hose House,	3 00	
Repairs on E. B. Hose House,	11 43	
John Burgess,	5 50	
F. C. Hatch,	1 00	
F. R. Hatch,	1 00	
A. Loring fire Elmwood,	1 00	
Joshua Dean,	16 93	
W. A. Dunham,	2 55	
F. A. Quimby,	3 75	
F. C. Drake,	8 21	
L. A. Flag,	12 55	
T. S. H. Rounseville,	28 00	
M. S. Curtis,	10 00	
Repairs Elmwood Hose House,	19 29	
	<hr/>	\$500 00
Appropriation,		500 00
Available,	501 25	
Amount expended,	500 00	
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On hand Jan. 1, 1900,	1 25	

The Engineers have reported four fires to the State Fire Marshal, have been called to three house fires, two woods fires and one grass fire. The Companies have been out on practice once each month from May to November.

M. S. CURTIS, *Clerk.*

Report of the Superintendent of Streets.

HIGHWAYS, ETC.

Alger & Co.'s Express,	\$ 2 85
Ames Plow Co.,	1 80
Barrett, Patrick	102 40
Benson, W. L.	267 87
Benson, A. K.	1 75
Bouldry, Thaddeus M.	7 00
Brown, Mrs. L. R. (Gravel)	16 12
Burgess, John	6 22
Carter, Nathan	13 91
Carr, Roger,	60 08
Chamberlain, Geo. L.	319 99
Chamberlain, W. B.	264 44
Churchill, Luther	1 00
Clark, E. L.	4 00
Cole, E. A.	26 06
Cook, James F.	1 50
Cunningham, James	11 50
Curran, Bartley	61 71
Curran, Dennis	257 97
Curtis, Minot S.	23 04
Dean, Joshua	77 37
Dillon, James	123 20
Duane, David W.	72 43
Dwyer, Andy	173 27
Eagan, James F.	26 30

HIGHWAYS, ETC.--CON.

Eastman, John S.	\$2 33
Edson, Herbert	59 46
Ellis, E. T. and Son, (Gravel)	5 30
Feeney, Michael, Jr.	223 50
Fields, C. H.	10 50
Fisher, Charles E.	7 45
Fitzgerald, Patrick	48 61
Flagg, L. A.	4 29
Folsom, George W. (Gravel)	1 52
Greene, William T.	477 24
Greene, W. T., man and horse,	39 36
Gurney, D. H.	64 75
Gurney, D. W.	137 65
Gurney, D. W. (Gravel)	7 60
Harden, N. T.	17 42
Hobart, Henry, store house,	5 00
Hobart, Henry (Gravel)	7 35
Holmes, George	8 66
Horton, Irving	75
Houghton, W. W.	3 21
Houghton, W. W. (Gravel)	11 00
Hub Wire Cloth and Wire Work Co.	3 00
Keith, Frank O.	75
Keith, H. C.	21 78
Keith, H. C. (Posts)	11 77
Kelley, L. A.	85 89
Kenneally, Edward J. (Gravel)	39 42
Knapp, George	75
LeClair, A.	72 90
LeClair, Frank	15 08
Lindsay, E. W.	19 45
Luddy, Patrick	130 29
Lyons, Walter H.	17 88

HIGHWAYS, ETC.—CON.

Mahoney, J. L.	202 31
Marchant, L. S.	2 33
McKenzie, S. R.	29 26
Meade, Mathiew,	1 75
Morey, James	8 75
Murphy, Timothy	167 72
Murphy, William	11 47
Noyes, Daniel W.	58 43
O'Brien, Thomas	45 53
Perry, J. W.	21 00
Pratt, E. Frank	33 16
Quimby, F. A.	50
Ramsdell, W. G.	38 11
Roach, James	234 83
Roach, Michael	78 45
Sanford, Edward	124 07
Sampson, Ezra F.	60
Sampson, W. S. (Posts)	50
Scribner, John H.	78 88
Siddall, Mrs. Elizabeth	5 00
Sharpe, Chester S.	17 09
Smith, George H.	28 39
Sturtevant, George H.	16 82
Sturtevant, Will	1 30
Swift, Michael	3 50
Thompson, C. W.	8 32
Thompson, Frank W.	41 34
Thompson, Martin	78
Thrasher, Israel	8 36
Tyler & Co.	16 50
Ulander, Fritz	78
Wade, Luther	8 75
Waterman, B. E.	11 67
Webber, Geo. M.	132 44

REMOVAL OF SNOW.==CON.

Welch, Patrick	198 18 .	
Westerburg, Edward	6 62	
Whitman, Ezekiel	24 00	
Whitman, Calvin S.	5 05	
Willis, Galen	109 98	
Willis, Galen (Gravel)	17 16	
Winn, William	1 25	
Worcester, Horace	1 78	
	<hr/>	\$5,288 40
Unexpended,		9 96
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		\$5,298 36

Available for use :

Appropriation for Highways,	3,000 00	
" " Bridges,	500 00	
" " Sidewalks,	500 00	
State Treasurer, tax of '98, St. R. R.,	417 22	
" " " '99, St. R. R.,	354 56	
Crossman and Whitman Fund,	25 80	
Labor on drainage,	225 44	
Excise tax on Street Railways,	198 54	
Due from Street Railways for labor,	76 80	
	<hr/>	5,298 36

REMOVAL OF SNOW.

Adam, George	\$ 2 20
Adam, John	1 00
Adam, Thomas	1 00
Alden, James	90
Alger, Geo. W.	7 80
Allen, Henry T.	3 00

REMOVAL OF SNOW.==CON.

Allen, J. B.	6 70
Anderson, Edwin	3 50
Andrews, Frank S.	5 80
Andrews, Frank	1 30
Angle, H. F.	6 70
Barrett, Michael	3 40
Barrett, John	3 40
Barrows, E. P.	6 00
Bates, George E.	40
Beals, Robert P.	2 40
Beard, James	3 00
Beard, John	20
Beard, John, Jr.,	3 00
Benson, Walter L.	40 20
Benson, A. T.	1 60
Benson, Chester A.	1 40
Blake, Fred, Jr.	2 40
Blanchard, A. W.	3 30
Bosworth, J. T.	8 60
Bouldry, James	3 60
Bouldry, Thaddeus M.	3 60
Brown, A. J.	3 40
Brown, Elmer H.	2 85
Brown, George E.	5 10
Brown, Walter H.	4 40
Brown, Charles E.	1 60
Brown, H. E.	1 40
Brown, John E.	4 80
Brown, A. T.	2 00
Burdeau, Walter	4 30
Burgess, John	25 30
Burnier, Fred	4 50
Burke, Michael	2 00

REMOVAL OF SNOW.--CON.

Burke, Michael, Jr.	1 60
Burke, Edwin	2 00
Burke, J. H.	3 40
Caldwell, Charles H.	35
Cannon, John	1 00
Carr, Roger	11 20
Carr, Elmer T.	1 60
Carroll, M. D.	4 00
Carroll, Patrick	2 40
Cassidy, P.	3 60
Chamberlain, Geo. L.	2 80
Chamberlain, W. B.	11 70
Chamberlain, Robert	50
Chamberlain, S. N.	2 60
Clarity, John	1 80
Clark, E. L.	23 20
Clark, Charles	4 00
Cole, Eugene A.	6 50
Cook, James F.	5 40
Cunningham, James	2 60
Cunningham, John	3 60
Curran, Bartley	7 40
Curran, Dennis	19 40
Davell, Manuel	4 40
Dean, Joshua	3 51
Dill, H. W.	2 00
Dillon, James	12 20
Dobbie, Joseph	3 00
Dupuy, Joe	90
Duane, David W.	6 40
Dwyer, Andy	9 60
Dyson, W. A.	3 30
Edson, Herbert	4 60

REMOVAL OF SNOW.=CON.

Edson, D. F.	1 00
Ellis, E. T. and Son	13 50
Ensher, A. E.	3 80
Fauntou, Charles	1 00
Feeney, John	3 50
Feeney, Michael, Jr.	14 35
Felix, Edward	6 00
Fialla, Joe	90
Fields, R. F.	5 40
Fields, C. H.	5 40
Fisher, Charles E.	2 70
Fitzgerald, James	3 40
Foley, Patrick	10 00
Foley, William	4 60
Forcier, Nelson	6 80
Foster, Will	4 50
Freeman, Harry	2 80
Fuller, Percy D.	5 40
Fullerton, Geo. E.	5 40
French, Geo. L.	60
Gannett, F. S.	4 30
Gardner, G. E.	3 50
Ginsburg, N.	1 50
Ginsburg, S.	4 30
Grant, C. H.	5 40
Greene, William A.	2 60
Greene, William T.	59 22
Greene, William	4 50
Gross, A.	4 30
Gurney, D. W.	29 00
Hacker, Gottfried	1 60
Hall, B. B.	1 60
Hagan, Peter	1 80
Hagan, John	2 80

REMOVAL OF SNOW.==CON.

Hagan, James	1 80
Harden, N. T.	3 50
Harden, L. A.	1 70
Harrington, Edwin	2 23
Haskins, Frank S.	6 70
Hatch, I. T.	18 10
Hatch, Freeman R.	5 50
Hatch, Arthur T.	3 70
Hatch, Leon	4 20
Hathaway, Hosea	6 50
Haywood, Fred	1 30
Hennessey, Maurice	1 60
Hill, B. E.	6 00
Hollis, William H.	5 40
Holmes, Geo. W.	9 60
Hooper, W. S.	4 40
Houghton, W. W.	4 60
Howard, E. E.	4 00
Howland, Adna K.	80
Howland, S. T.	2 60
Howland, Geo. B.	1 60
Hudson, Frank	4 20
Humble, Newton	60
Humble, I.	3 00
Johnson, Norman	8 20
Johnson, Frank	1 50
Johnson, Justus	1 00
Johnson, C. F.	1 80
Johnson, B. L.	1 20
Jones, J. D.	6 60
Josselyn, A. H.	4 00
Joyce, G. W. N.	5 40
Kelley, L. Albert	13 30

REMOVAL OF SNOW.=CON.

Kelley, Timothy	4 10
Keenan, John	4 30
Keene, Wm. F.	3 00
Keene, William	1 60
Keith, Fred L.	1 00
Keith, H. C.	18 65
Keith, Stafford I.	4 00
Kyer, William	3 95
Latham, A. Harris	1 00
Lawson, Charles	2 00
LeClair, A.	8 20
LeClair, Frank	5 40
Leonard, Herman	50
Lindsay, E. W.	1 00
Luddy, Patrick	7 80
Luddy Michael	1 00
Lyon, W. K.	3 80
Marble, Harry C.	2 00
Marvel, Harry	1 20
Mahoney, James L.	2 00
McCarthy, Michael	1 60
McDermott, George E.	80
McGuire, Owen	70
McKenzie, Walter	6 60
McKensie, S. R.	22 20
Mecheau, Joseph	4 55
Meehan, Francis	1 80
Mello, Joseph	5 00
Mitchell, R. J.	1 00
Moburg, Martin	4 50
Mondeaux, Nelson	7 25
Morey, Marian	80
Morey, Patrick D.	3 60
Murphy, William	4 30

REMOVAL OF SNOW.==CON.

Murphy, Timothy	7 80
Nash, Daniel L.	1 80
Nelson, John	2 50
O'Brien, Thomas	6 60
Packard, George	3 20
Parker, John	3 90
Peterson, Victor E.	3 60
Phelps, Harvey	3 00
Pmalt, John	90
Powell, G. M.	15 40
Potter, Frank	6 20
Pratt, Walter S.	6 70
Pratt, Mendall A.	3 00
Pratt, E. Frank	3 00
Pratt, Allen P.	1 80
Pratt, C. Walter	3 40
Pratt, Berton	2 00
Quimby, F. A.	4 75
Ramsdell, William	60
Ramsdell, N. M.	5 00
Ramsdell, W. G.	3 20
Raymond, Frank	1 50
Reed, Sidney	1 90
Reid, Freeman J.	80
Reid, Charles	3 30
Reid, H. A.	2 60
Roach, James	46 49
Roach, Michael	38 40
Rogers, Henry B.	5 50
Sanbourne, C.	1 50
Sanford, Edward	7 20
Souza, Manuel	1 60
Scott, Daniel	80

REMOVAL OF SNOW.--CON.

Seaver, J. B.	\$ 4 70
Severance, M. F.	1 00
Sharpe, Oliver M.	4 10
Sharpe, W. E.	5 40
Shaw, James A.	1 60
Shaw, Harold	1 30
Shepherd, Henry	3 50
Sherman, Charles	2 20
Siddell, Benj.	4 50
Simes, Thomas O.	1 40
Sisson, L. E.	2 80
Sites, George	1 40
Smith, Charles E.	7 30
Smith, Henry	2 60
Spear, G. F.	1 50
Steadman, George D.	9 20
Steinhour, W.	3 80
Stetson, A. W.	3 00
Stevens, Russell C.	2 70
Stiles, George, Jr.	3 40
Sturtevant, J. W.	8 40
Tessier, E.	1 85
Thompson, G.	1 80
Thompson, George	70
Thompson, Frank W.	27 20
Thrasher, Israel	1 30
Thrasher, George I.	4 50
Tordie, Moses	90
Toren, Frank	1 60
Turnbull, Fred	1 30
Washburn, Austin	11 10
Washburn, N. A. and W. W.	2 00
Washburn, Orace	5 60

REMOVAL OF SNOW.==CON.

Waterman, B. E.	\$ 3 80	
Waterman, J. H.	1 80	
Waterman, C. W.	1 50	
Welds, J. Sidney	4 50	
Westerburg, Edward	3 00	
White, Schuyler	1 30	
Wilder, Mathiew	5 70	
Willis, Galen	6 20	
Winn, James	1 80	
Winslow, Daniel W.	1 00	
Witherell, Robert	3 80	
Wixon, C. W.	1 80	
Wyatt, Charles W.	11 30	
	<hr/>	\$1,259 00
Unexpended,	\$141 00	
Paid by Street Railways,	\$154 85	

Report of Trustees of Public Library.

The board is now composed of Hon. I. N. Nutter and William H. Taylor, whose terms expire in 1900; Edmund W. Nutter and Mary H. Rust, whose terms expire in 1901; and Rev. Clarence Lathbury and Mrs. R. O. Harris, whose terms expire in 1902. It is organized with William H. Taylor as chairman, and I. N. Nutter as secretary and treasurer. Miss Lucy L. Siddall continues as Librarian.

The circulation of books has fallen off slightly in 1899, owing to the smaller number purchased. In 1898 the proceeds of the library fair, with other gifts, put in circulation 245 volumes as against 54 in 1899. In view of the great decrease of additions to the library, it is gratifying to know that almost as many books were read. The record shows but 27 less than in the previous year. 13410

The Library has been open 147 days; average daily circulation, 91.22. The largest number drawn was on March 25th, 216 — volumes. The smallest was on September 11th and October 2nd, being 33.

The per cent. of circulation stands as follows: Fiction, 57.42; Juvenile Fiction, 23.75; History, Botany and Theology, 4.31;

Natural History, .076; Biography, 2.49; Travel and Description, 2.96; Magazines, 4.24; Poetry and Sciences, 2.31; Literature (mostly Warner Library) .083; Political Economy and Useful Arts, .035; French Literature shows a circulation of 61 volumes. The latest additions have been more closely classified so that averages cannot be exactly given, old books being in the general classification.

Since the opening of the Library, 1867 cards have been issued; in 1899, 139. The number now indexed, 772.

Work is well advanced on the new supplementary catalogue, which will be a gathering up of the written lists since 1895. This will be welcomed by all, especially by those who by distance and other difficulties find themselves unable to visit the Library.

An index, consisting of 772 cards, has been compiled during the year, which shows at a glance the number of subscribers and enables the Librarian to find easily the registration numbers.

The set of Harpers Magazine donated by Mrs. Mary Soule Alden has been bound and is complete from volume X, 1855. The Trustees would like to inquire if any of our fellow townsmen or friends have numbers or volumes previous to 1855 which they would contribute, thus enabling us to complete the set.

The Commonwealth has sent sixteen volumes; the Government the usual reports: Smithsonian, Tenth Census, Geographical Survey, etc.

The reference library has been increased by the addition of the Annual Encyclopedia, Statesmen's Year Book, "Who's Who?" and The Boundary Line of East Bridgewater—a work compiled with much care by the Government Topographical Survey, and which will be valuable for reference where accuracy is required.

One hundred Perry Pictures have been purchased to illustrate events of importance, and will be shown at different times. An ex-

hibition of Madonnas was made at Christmastide. It is hoped this will help to cultivate the eye to appreciate the true and the beautiful.

The Reading Room is furnished with the following periodicals: The Atlantic Monthly; The Catholic World; The Century Magazine; The Cosmopolitan; The Christian Register; Farm and Poultry; Masters in Art; Harpers Magazine; Harpers Weekly; The Munsey; The New England Homestead; The New England Magazine; Our Dumb Animals; Saint Nicholas; Woman's Home Companion; The Working Boy; The Youths Companion; and Zion's Herald. A new and valuable Magazine has been added this past year, which is especially helpful to machinists and mechanics. We would call the attention of the men of the Carver Cotton Gin Works and other similar institutions to Cassier's New Scientific Magazine. It is written in a popular vein, thoroughly reliable and copiously illustrated.

Rev. D. H. Riley contributes the Catholic World; Mr. Warren S. Shaw, the Cosmopolitan; The Unitarian Alliance, the Christian Register; The Methodist Society, the Zion's Herald; Miss Elizabeth C. Harris, the Youth's Companion; Hon. I. N. Nutter, Our Dumb Animals and the New England Homestead, and Mr. Edmund W. Nutter, the Review of Reviews.

Friends, as in past years, have not been lacking in generosity. Many contributions to the library have been made. Hon. I. N. Nutter has given an excellent crayon portrait of Mr. Washburn, the donor of the building. The Boys' Reading Club presented a fine picture of the Roman Forum. The following persons have donated books: Mr. Henry Gurney, the History of Framingham. Mrs. Susan M. Keith, an entire set of Picturesque Palestine, a valuable work; Miss Eudora Sanford, twelve numbers of the same; Mrs. Jas. Turner,

The Ladies' World (for 1898-9), the Munsey from month to month and several paper covered novels; Mr. William H. Keith, Mrs. William A. Rust, Miss Rust, Mrs. R. O. Harris, Miss Hobart, Mrs. G. M. Webber, Mrs. A. G. Blackman, Mrs. Westwood, Mr. W. H. Osborne, Mrs. Abby W. Crossman, Mrs. Elizabeth Hardwiek Alden, Unitarian Association, Miss Gorton, Mr. Austin C. Packard, Mr. Frank D. Millet and others. The Misses Mann have given four years of Wide Awake and three years of St. Nicholas.

The library has reached out in its influences remote from its edifice, yet within the boundaries of the town. Elmwood, as in former years has had the library brought to its doors through the energies of the Literary Committee of the Young Peoples' League. Robbins Pond has had the delivery every two weeks. It is hoped the privilege will be extended to Westdale, Satucket, Matfield, Beaver, Northville and Eastville. Will not the young men volunteer to aid in carrying the books? Or will not some resident offer to carry on the service for the elevation and entertainment of his neighborhood?

By a vote of the trustees any one may carry two cards—one for fiction and the other for more thoughtful works. Thus two books may be drawn at once. It is hoped that now a larger per cent. of history, science, art and those works reckoned among the technical will pass into circulation.

We bespeak from friends and patrons their generosity in the future as in the past. The Public Library is a good place to perpetuate memories by the contribution of things needful to its perfect equipment and highest usefulness. It is a good and safe place to deposit records or relics illustrating the history of the town—and a place where these things will find their best uses. We have a substantial edifice, located centrally, which will in the coming gener-

ations embalm the master thoughts of master minds—and become a source from which will flow out influences that will do more for our people than any other institution outside the schools and churches. The more we use it, the more we love it, and the better we will support it. Respectfully submitted.

I. N. NUTTER,
WILLIAM H. TAYLOR,
EDMUND W. NUTTER,
MARY H. RUST,
CLARENCE LATHBURY,
JOSIE B. HARRIS.

Public Library.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer*;

1899.

DR.

Feb. 1.	Cash on hand	\$3 37
	Town Treasurer, annual appropriation,	500 00
	Lucy L. Siddall, Librarian, fines col'd,	22 22
	Catalogues sold,	1 85
	Books sold, etc.,	3 77
	Town Treasurer, income of Johnson fund,	55 49

\$586 70

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W. B. Clarke & Co., books,	\$54 04
D. Appleton, annual Cyclopaedia,	6 00
C. H. Fields, books,	2 00
Rev. N. B. Cook, book,	2 70
E. W. Nutter, Magazines,	21 44
E. W. Gorham, Harper's Weekly,	3 25
Mrs. McDermot, washing windows,	1 20
I. N. Nutter, wool dusters,	1 25
F. E. Fuller & Co., supplies,	4 00
A. Hunting, oil,	6 76
Library Bureau, card index, etc.,	14 20
J. H. Fairbanks, register and pipe,	8 00
F. J. Barnard & Co., binding books,	12 80
Hub Book B'd'g Co., binding magazines,	41 50
Geo. Hudson, salary as janitor,	60 00
Lucy L. Siddall, salary as librarian,	200 00
Sun Insurance Office,	7 50
M. S. Curtis, waxing floor,	5 00

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.--CON.

J. Dean, Coal,	78 30	
Luey L. Siddall, care of rooms,	25 25	
Oil and supplies,	10 15	
Postage and box rent,	1 14	
Wood,	2 00	
Alger & Co., express,	4 00	
J. Burrell, printing and supplies,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$582 48
Cash on hand,		4 22
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		\$586 70

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer.*

Jan. 20, 1900.

Report of Town Hall Committee.

Jan. 1, 1899,	Cash on hand,	\$ 2 94
Jan. 5, "	Received from Unitarian Enter- tainment Committee,	5 00
Feb. 3, "	Received from M. C. O. F.,	12 00
Feb. 17, "	" " F. E. Fuller,	2 00
Mar. 16, "	" " St. John Society,	11 00
Apr. 18, "	" " Unitarian Society,	8 00
May 29, "	" " Glenwood Club,	13 00
Nov. 4, "	" " M. C. O. F.,	15 00
Nov. 24, "	" " M. C. O. F.,	6 00
		<hr/> \$74 94
Cr. By Bills Paid.		
May 26,	Paid for cleaning Hall,	\$ 8 50
July 12, "	J. Dean, lumber,	8 51
Dec. 31, "	C. W. Browne, oil,	6 20
" " "	F. Smith, wax,	1 15
" " "	Geo. F. Lombard, Secretary,	10 00
" " "	T. S. H. Rounseville, janitor,	35 00
" " "	Balance on hand,	5 58
		<hr/> \$74 94

GEO. F. LOMBARD,
For the Committee.

Report of Town Clerk.

BIRTHS--1899.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Jan. 2	Ellen Kenneally,	Edward J. and Mary
" 20	Blanche Elizabeth Stetson,	Asa and Ada
" 31	David Roach,	Michael F. and Nellie A.
Feb. 7	Harold Westley Cook,	Nathaniel B. and Hattie A.
" 17	Mary Forcier,	Joseph and Eugenia
" 19	Philip Mondeaux,	Narcisse and Adeline
" 22	Luddy,	Thomas E. and Nellie E.
" 24	Robert G. Sandridge,	
Mar. 1	Eva Ganette LeClaire,	Alixia and Mary L.
" 10	George White,	Joseph and Josephine
" 13	Roy Arthur Dupuy,	Joseph F. and Celia M.
" 16	Edith Bartlett Drew,	Frank A. and Hannah J.
" 27	George Winfield Shaw,	Joseph and Edith
Apr. 9	Levina Mellow,	Joseph and Mary F.
" 11	Henry Emerson Dickerman,	Walter E. and Julia A.
" 18	Lawrence O'Brien,	James M. and Lizzie A.
" 22	Edwin Newing Brown,	Edwin J. and Clara E.
May 20	Lawrence Edward Ramsdell,	Annie M. Ramsdell
" 27	Charles Warner Morse,	Edward T. and Hattie M.
June 1	Frank Austin Thompson,	Francis W. and Clara M.
" 18	Dora Ida Shepard,	John B., Jr., and Mary
" 20	Ine Lora Boucher,	Calix and Marie L.
July 4	Doris Bird,	Frank A. and Lizzie F.
" 17	Myra Rivers Sturtevant,	Andrew P. and Myra
" 20	Margaret Baxter,	William C. and Margaret
" 21	Gladys Marion Andrews,	S. Frank and Alice A.
" 29	Bertrand Bernard Robbins,	David B. and Amelia E.
Aug. 19	Harold William Lyons,	Michael H. and Annie
" 23	Louis Camille Gregoire,	Camille and Celina
Sept. 2	Francis William Winn,	Frank J., Jr., and Bridget
" 4	Snooks,	John F. and Ida M.
" 5	Richmond Everett Ramsdell,	Prescott E. and Susan E.
" 6	Gladys May Clapp,	Eldon S. and Grace G.
" 9	Frederic Harlow Chamberlain,	Louis A. and Rena M.
" 13	William Edward Feeney,	Michael F. and Jane A.
" 17	Ethel Thaxter Sturtevant,	Chester and Agnes B.
" 22	Ernest Augustus Webber,	Ernest E. and Lydia M.

BIRTHS==1899==CON.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Oct. 3	Audie Augusta Hall,	Bion and Augusta
" 13	Alice Burgess,	Joseph and Marianne
" 15	Lawrence Keith Burrill,	George A. and Louise M.
" 15	Doris Conant,	Benjamin and Addie
" 29	Charles Lovell Smith,	Thomas and Christie
Nov. 7	Cora Maltida Dube, -	Zephine and Mary
" 19	Harry Leon Bates,	Harry P. and Sarah E.
" 21	Ellen Swift,	Michael and Ellen
" 27	James Edward Davenport,	James H. and M. Julia
Dec. 3	Guppy,	George and Katie M.
" 7	James Bouldry,	Thaddeus M. and Mary E.
" 22	Taylor	Samuel E. and Nellie G.

Whole number of births in 1899, 49.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.==CON.

Marriages Recorded for the Year 1899.

DATE OF MARRIAGE.	NAME OF GROOM, BRIDE AND RESIDENCE.
Feb. 8.	Walter H. Adams and Agnes M. Hobart, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Feb. 11.	Alfred Goucas and Angelina Carlos, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. W. E. Kelly.
Feb. 11.	Warren F. Ames of Bridgewater and Nellie E. Beals of East Bridgewater, by Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Mar. 6.	William F. Gibbs and Evelyn L. Blanchard, both of Whitman, by Rev. N. B. Cook.
Apr. 5.	James W. Hennessey and Katherine A. Murray, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. D. H. Riley.
Apr. 18.	William Irwin of East Bridgewater and Marion E. Mowry of Whitman, by Rev. C. S. Bates.
Apr. 18.	Henry P. Bates of Brockton and Sarah E. Dill of East Bridgewater, by Rev. G. Yager.
Apr. 28.	John B. Shephard, Jr., of East Bridgewater and Mary De Laura of Brockton, by Rev. W. E. Kelly.
May 1.	Thomas W. Broughton of East Bridgewater and Flora B. Merrick of Middleboro, by Rev. F. R. Lewis.
May 2.	James H. Davenport and Mary J. Connolly, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. W. E. Kelly.
May 24.	Charles E. Reid and Jennie M. Bates, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. H. B. Cady.
June 15.	Eldon S. Clapp of Brockton and Grace G. Cook of East Bridgewater, by Rev. J. W. Quinby.

DATE OF MARRIAGE.	NAME OF GROOM, BRIDE AND RESIDENCE.
June 21.	Arthur L. Leland and Mabel G. Allen, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. G. Yager.
June 28.	Thomas Nolan of East Bridgewater and Teresa Mangan of Whitman, by Rev. J. J. Kelly.
June 29.	Fred Alden and Jennie F. Davidson, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. J. W. Quinby.
July 2.	Myron H. Gould of East Bridgewater and Nellie R. Por- ter of Whitman, by Rev. J. W. Quinby.
July 18.	Charles Woodton and Mary Bailey, both of East Bridge- water, by Rev. C. Lathbury.
July 26.	Samuel A. Luzarder of East Bridgewater and Lizzie Titus of Brockton, by Rev. A. T. Somerby.
Aug. 2.	Warner Viele of New York and Tena E. Bates of East Bridgewater, by Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Sept. 14.	Eugene T. Nolte of Boston and Eltie L. Frost of East Bridgewater, by Rev. F. W. Merrick.
Sept. 15.	Frank L. Erskine of East Bridgewater and Harriet N. Peterson of Duxbury, by Rev. W. Weed.
Oct. 5.	Willard F. Benton of Brockton and Faustina E. Hill of East Bridgewater, by Rev. W. E. Kelly.
Oct. 12.	William Foley and Maria T. Curran, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. W. E. Kelly.
Oct. 22.	Lloyd H. Andrews and Mary J. Lydon, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. W. O. Ayer.
Oct. 25.	Herbert L. Erskine and Inez M. Bickford, both of Bos- ton, by Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Nov. 22.	Gordon F. Marchant and Bertha E. Allen, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. G. Yager.

DATE OF MARRIAGE.	NAME OF GROOM, BRIDE AND RESIDENCE.
Nov. 25.	Ernest E. Webber and Lydia M. Osborne, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. N. B. Cook.
Nov. 30.	E. Arthur Howland of Hanson and Lorenthia M. Thomp- son of Whitman, by Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Dec. 4.	James Beard of East Bridgewater and Dora E. Honge of Hanson, by Rev. C. S. Bates.
Dec. 18.	Edgar E. Worcester of East Bridgewater and Amanda L. Porter, by Rev. M. E. Wright.
Dec. 25.	Joseph P. Weston of Brockton and Agnes K. Littlefield of East Bridgewater, by Rev. P. M. Griffin.
Dec. 25.	Isaac Jordan of Bridgewater and Nellie J. G. Wilson of Bridgewater, by Rev. N. B. Cook.
Dec. 27.	Walter F. Jones of Bridgewater and Sarah C. Bourne of East Bridgewater, by Rev. N. B. Cook.
Dec. 31.	Sven Paulson and Hilda M. Magousson, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. W. F. Low.
Dec. 25.	Mida King and Albina Little, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. W. E. Kelly.
Dec. 29.	Peleg W. Sampson of Bridgewater and Marion Fish of East Bridgewater, by Rev. Geo. S. Wheeler.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.==CON.

Deaths Registered in East Bridgewater for
the Year 1899.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Ds.	
Jan. 11	Bela H. Alden,	50	8	6	Organic Heart Disease
" 13	Emily Humble,	90	2	18	Pneumonia
" 23	Thomas Keith,	75	4	14	Broncho-pneumonia
" 24	Lucy B. Conant,	73	..	..	Cancer
" 30	Clara T. T. Bouldry,	26	3	12	Pneumonia
Eeb. 3	Elizabeth O. Copeland,	78	7	15	Pneumonia
" 3	Margaret M. Bates,	79	4	13	La Grippe
" 4	Hannah Flaherity,	32	..	..	Suicide by hanging
" 6	Abigail A. Holden,	68	7	1	Pneumonia
" 13	Hannah Munroe,	81	8	14	Hemiplegia
" 13	Susan J. Josselyn,	48	2	11	Heart Failure
" 16	Eliza B. Harlow,	85	7	26	Senile Decay
" 22	Luddy,	..	..	..	Asphyxia
" 27	Abigail B. Littlefield,	71	11	4	Apoplexy
" 28	Harold W. Cook,	..	..	21	Hepatitis
Mar. 1	Robert G. Sandridge,	..	..	5	Hemorrhage
" 2	David H. Pratt,	75	..	25	Pneumonia
" 3	Earle R. Blanchard,	1	5	16	Bronchitis
" 5	Anna E. Bent,	75	6	13	La Grippe
" 7	Luther Harden,	73	5	16	Cerebral Embolism
April 7	James W. Tinkham,	58	8	5	Cerebral Thrombosis
" 8	Marian L. Tardie,	1	3	..	Whooping Cough
" 9	Jessie O. Rollins,	..	8	6	Catarrhal Bronchitis
" 11	Roy A. Dupuy,	..	..	28	Whooping Cough
" 17	Frederick B. Rollins,	68	10	19	Cirrhosis of Liver
" 17	Anna M. Barrows,	31	9	8	Nephritis
" 23	Nicholas Wade,	76	..	19	Apoplexy
" 28	Thomas L. Hennessey,	..	4	19	Marasmus
" 28	Martha S. Currier,	65	2	18	Phthisis Pulmonalis
May 1	Eldon E. Brown,	..	10	..	Meningitis
" 7	William H. Gaffney,	47	6	7	Tuberculosis of Fauces
" 9	Catharine Quigley,	64	..	..	Cancer of Bowels
" 13	Betsey A. Hale,	68	1	19	Gangrene
" 18	Bridget I. Quill,	1	4	..	Meningitis
" 20	Cecil A. Fisk,	..	9	20	Convulsions
" 31	William A. Dyson,	65	7	13	Inguinal Hernia
June 6	Julius Reinhart,	56	9	25	Apoplexy

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.==CON.

Deaths Registered in East Bridgewater for
the Year 1899.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Yrs.	Mos.	D.	
June 12	Eliza Wilder,	31	5	22	Cancer
July 10	Enoch Freeman,	81	9	1	Apoplexy
" 15	James P. Foley,	23	..	21	Consumption
" 27	Arthur C. Peterson,	..	6	12	Cholera Infantum
" 27	Elvira F. Hamilton,	83	3	5	Senile Decay
" 28	George T. Mitchell,	68	6	12	Premature old age
" 30	George E. Brown,	46	10	4	Apoplexy
Aug. 11	Marshall N. Humble,	67	10	19	Interstitial Nephritis
" 21	Zenas W. Sturtevant,	75	7	4	Heart Failure
" 22	Samuel Shaw,	72	..	2	Neuralgia of Heart
Sept. 4	Snooks,	..	..	..	Still Born
" 8	Betsey R. Studley,	74	4	2	Organic Heart Disease
" 8	Richmond E. Ramsdell,	..	..	3	Insufficient vitality
" 24	William H. Robinson,	80	1	24	Arteria Sclerosis
Oct. 8	John R. Sturtevant,	40	4	22	Phthisis Pulmonalis
" 13	George S. Newhall,	78	5	24	Softening of the Brain
" 18	James E. George,	70	10	6	Peritonitis
Nov. 1	Lucy A. Farmer,	79	7	..	Heart Disease
" 14	Elmer E. Quinby,	37	..	10	Diabetes Mellitus
" 28	Zebina Keith,	71	6	12	Cerebral softening
" 30	Samuel Luzarder,	76	2	13	General Paralysis
Dec. 1	Dennis Ring,	1	3	..	Grippe and Meningitis
" 6	Nathan F. Dunphe,	57	5	5	Pneumonia
" 11	Benjamin White,	83	7	20	Pneumonia and old age
" 15	Josephine M. Dickerman,	57	5	25	Heart Disease
" 25	Catharine Kingston,	69	..	..	Heart Failure

Whole number of deaths in 1899, 63.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

Report of Collector of Taxes.

Frank Smith, Collector, in Account with the Town of East Bridgewater.

1897.	Dr.		
To amount uncollected,		\$230 66	
“ “ interest collected,		3 94	
		<u> </u>	\$234 60

	Cr.		
By amount paid Treasurer,		\$ 63 01	
“ “ uncollected,		171 59	
		<u> </u>	\$234 60

1898.	Dr.		
To amount uncollected,		\$1,128 56	
“ “ interest collected,		17 79	
		<u> </u>	\$1,146 35

	Cr.		
By amount paid Treasurer,		\$785 89	
“ “ uncollected,		360 46	
		<u> </u>	\$1,146 35

COLLECTOR'S REPORT. --CON.

1899.

Dr.

To amount committed,	\$27,122 25
“ “ interest collected,	108 33
	<hr/> \$27,230 58

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By amount paid Treasurer,	\$26,214 21
“ “ uncollected,	1,016 37
	<hr/> \$27,230 58

The amount of taxes remaining unpaid previous to 1897, including taxes assessed on lots sold by the Hanson Land Company, was	\$398 51
I have collected and paid to Treasurer,	8 55
	<hr/> \$389 96

FRANK SMITH, *Collector.*

Feb. 1, 1900,

Report of Town Treasurer.

Jarvis Burrell, Town Treasurer, in account with Town of East Bridgewater.

1899.	Dr.	
Feb. 4.	Cash on hand as per report,	\$3,143 72
	Received account order No. 177,	13 93
Feb. 25.	E. B. Savings Bank, borrowed of,	300 00
Mar. 14.	Town of Marshfield, aid to Mrs. M. A. E. Atwood,	59 00
Mar. 16.	E. B. Savings Bank, borrowed of,	8,000 00
Mar. 24.	B. W. & R. Street Railway, account snow,	61 50
	State Treasurer, corporation tax,	468 21
	“ “ bank tax,	22 58
Apr. 8.	Town of Hingham, aid to M. White's children,	71 03
Apr. 25.	State Treasurer, account Street Railway,	417 22
Apr. 29.	B. & E. B. Street Railway, account snow,	93 35
	Frank Smith, license,	1 00
May 4.	State Treasurer, inspection of animals,	41 75
May 8.	E. B. Savings Bank, borrowed of,	5,000 00
May 13.	E. E. Edson, pool table license,	2 00
May 20.	Town of West Bridgewater, acct. Supt. salary	104 17
June 2.	G. A. Blanchard, pool table license,	2 00
July 24.	E. B. Savings Bank, borrowed of	2,500 00
Aug. 4.	F. O'Brien, license,	8 00
Aug. 12.	Town of Raynham, aid to Mrs. Tuck and children,	97 50
Sept. 15.	State Treasurer, acct. State paupers,	79 36
Sept. 15.	State Treasurer, acct. Supt. salary,	750 00

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Sept. 15.	State Treasurer, acct. Teachers' salary,	\$233 33
Sept. 30.	Received acct. order No. 152,	10 70
Nov. 2.	Received of Supt. of Streets,	75
Nov. 29.	F. R. Hatch, license,	1 00
Dec. 5.	Town of Raynham, acct. Supt. salary,	150 00
Dec. 11.	State Treasurer, corporation tax,	1,661 64
	“ “ National bank tax,	724 02
	“ “ Military aid,	141 00
	“ “ State aid,	1,697 00
	“ “ Street Railway tax	354 56
Dec. 12.	F. R. Savings Bank, acct. Johnson fund,	20 20
	City of Brockton, acct. J. Reinhart,	89 63
Dec. 20.	Town of West Bridgewater, acct. Supt. salary	145 83
Dec. 30.	Plymouth Co. Safe Deposit and Trust Co. interest,	21 96
	Estate C. Rogers, acct. rents,	72 00
1900.		
Jan. 2.	Police Court fines,	80 00
Jan. 6.	E. B. Savings Bank, acct. Johnson fund,	35 29
Jan. 10.	E. S. Whitmarsh, labor,	4 28
	Town of West Bridgewater, aid S. E. Dunbar,	156 00
	“ “ “ “ C. E. Fisher,	11 50
	“ Easton, acct. F. W. Peck,	25 76
Jan. 15.	“ Abington, aid Ida F. Snooks,	132 41
Jan. 19.	County Treasurer, account dog licenses,	411 31
	Received from Almshouse,	349 75
Jan. 26.	State Treasurer, Massachusetts school fund,	294 38
Feb. 3.	F. Smith, col. taxes previous to 1899,	857 45
	“ “ for 1899,	26,214 21
		<hr/> \$55,132 28
1899. CR.		
Mar. 16.	E. B. Savings Bank, notes and interest,	\$4,335 07
Sept. 9.	State Treasurer, acct. license	25

TREASURER'S REPORT.--CON.

Oct. 16.	E. B. Savings Bank, note and interest,	\$8,175 00
Dec. 11.	State Treasurer, State tax,	885 00
	County Treasurer, County tax,	2,250 18
Dec. 16.	E. B. Savings Bank, note and interest,	2,539 19
Dec. 30.	“ “ “ acct. note and interest,	1,138 25
1900.		
Jan. 6.	Trustees Public Library, acct. Johnson fund,	55 49
Jan. 8.	E. B. Savings Bank, acct. note,	1,000 00
	Police Court fees,	86 01
	Amount orders drawn by Selectmen,	20,269 95
	“ “ “ School Committee,	11,186 47
Feb. 3.	Cash on hand,	3,211 42
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		\$55,232 28

JARVIS BURRELL, *Treasurer.*

Auditor's Report.

I have examined the books of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, and Collector, and would respectfully submit the following report :

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

Amount of orders drawn on Treasurer,	\$20,269 95
“ “ “ paid by “	20,269 95

School Committee.

Amount of orders drawn on Treasurer,	\$11,186 47
“ “ “ paid by “	11,186 47

Treasurer.

Amount on hand Jan. 1899, and received during the year,	\$55,132 28
Amount paid during year,	51,920 86
Cash on hand,	\$3,211 42

Collector.

Amount committed for collection,	\$26,923 71
Street Railway excise tax,	198 54
Interest,	108 33
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Paid to Treasurer,	\$27,230 58
	26,214 21
	<hr/>
Uncollected taxes,	\$1,016 37

AUDITOR'S REPORT.==CON.

Total valuation, \$1,428,044.

Rate per \$1,000, \$17.50.

H. L. WATERMAN, *Auditor.*

East Bridgewater, Feb. 5th, 1900.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER,
AND THE REPORT OF
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FOR THE YEAR 1899.

School Committee's Report.

School Calendar 1900.

Spring Term begins March 26, closes June 8; 11 weeks.

Fall Term begins Sept. 4, closes Dec. 14; 15 weeks.

Vacation, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

Winter Term begins Dec. 31, 1900, closes March 8, 1901; 10 weeks.

High School.

Spring Term begins March 26, closes June 22; 13 weeks.

Fall Term begins Sept. 4, closes Dec. 21; 16 weeks.

Vaeation, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

Winter term begins Dec. 31, 1900, closes March 15, 1901; 11 weeks.

STORM SIGNALS—11—111111—two blows, pause, six blows, struck three times on church bells at 8.05 A. M., no school for the day.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE—Second Monday evening of each month, at 7.30 o'clock.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE HOURS—At Town Office Mondays and Thursdays, from 3.30 to 5.30 P. M., during school days.

School Committee for 1899.

Lura Harden,	term expires	1900
Robert O. Harris,	" "	1900
Edward T. Morse,	" "	1901
William H. Taylor,	" "	1901
Susan M. Dunphe,	" "	1902
Fannie M. Shaw,	" "	1902

Organization.

Chairman, William H. Taylor.

Secretary, Susan M. Dunphe.

Treasurer, Edward T. Morse.

Superintendent of Schools, Frank O. Jones.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITIZENS OF EAST BRIDGEWATER :

Just previous to the annual town meeting, Mrs. Alice R. Allen resigned her position as a member of the Committee and Mrs. Lura Harden was elected for one year to fill the vacancy. Also Mrs. Susan M. Dunphe and Mrs. Fannie M. Shaw, whose terms had expired, were re-elected for three years.

The Board organized March 13, by the choice of Wm. H. Taylor, chairman; Susan M. Dunphe, secretary; and Edward T. Morse, treasurer.

The Joint Committee of the three towns comprising our school district, met at West Bridgewater in April, and re-elected Mr. Frank O. Jones as Superintendent. Consequently our schools have been under his direction for another year; and as we have associated with him and watched his work, we have seen no reason to change our minds since our last report, we believe we may still speak of him as our efficient and popular Superintendent. The work of the schools during the year and their needs for the future are clearly and accurately defined in his report to the School Committee, to which we earnestly recommend your careful attention.

We believe that the urgent needs of the Center Intermediate School should receive immediate attention. The number of pupils in this school has increased until the present accommodations are inadequate. At least new desks and seats should be purchased and the blackboards repaired without delay. The old ones are in a most

dilapidated condition so that if there were seats enough for the pupils, it would be impossible to preserve, much less teach order and neatness. The teacher has done everything in her power to make the room attractive, and should be highly commended for her efforts, but the desired results cannot be obtained short of removing the present furniture and refurnishing.

During the summer vacation the committee had the furnaces at the High school building thoroughly cleaned and repaired, hoping that this might remedy to some extent the trouble we have had in heating the house. The winter thus far has been so mild, we are unable to report the result in full, but judging from the one or two days of severe weather, we are led to think the difficulty has not been removed.

We are glad to report that the problem of obtaining good water for the pupils at Eastville, which has so long confronted the town, has at last been successfully solved. The well dug there last summer has thus far proved perfectly satisfactory, and we have every reason to believe that the supply of water will be ample and permanent.

The school house and out-buildings at Northville have been put in good repair and thoroughly painted. Also needed repairs have been made on the Beaver, West and High school buildings.

In addition to the minor repairs for the coming year it will be necessary to shingle the house in Beaver and repair and paint the North Primary.

The Committee were obliged to purchase a new stove for the Elmwood Primary room, the old one in their judgment being beyond repair.

The Committee recommend the following appropriations for 1900 :

School purposes,	\$6,950 00
Books and supplies,	600 00
Incidentals,	300 00
Minor repairs,	150 00
Transportation,	500 00
Salary of Superintendent,	350 00
Music Teacher,	200 00
Insurance,	115 00
Shingling Beaver School House,	100 00
Repairing North Primary,	150 00

SUSAN M. DUNPHE,
 FANNIE M. SHAW,
 LURA HARDEN,
 ROBERT O. HARRIS,
 EDWARD T. MORSE,
 WILLIAM H. TAYLOR.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Support of Schools.

AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$6,950 00
Received under Acts of 1893,	233 33
Income of Massachusetts School Fund,	294 38
Dividend on dog tax,	411 31
Total,	<hr/> \$7,889 02

EXPENDITURES—TEACHING.

F. E. Bragdon, High School,	\$660 00
R. E. Files, High School,	400 00
Lydia R. Smith, High School,	300 00
Blanche C. Grant, High School,	200 00
Maud L. Johnson, Grammar School,	649 99
Minnie H. Churchill, Grammar School,	168 00
Susie E. Whitcomb, Grammar School,	120 00
Hattie M. Peterson, Center Intermediate,	231 00
Margaret A. Gow, Center Intermediate,	150 00
Blanche Watson, West Intermediate,	380 00
Clara E. Noyes, West Primary,	210 00
Cora B. Crabtree, West Primary,	165 00
Julia Mansfield, Beaver Intermediate,	396 00
Anna Delaney, Beaver Primary,	90 00
Clara E. Noyes, Beaver Primary,	150 00
A. Lillian Warren, Elmwood Intermediate,	396 00
Georgiana Calef, Elmwood Primary,	309 00
Lou M. E. Smith, Elmwood Primary,	54 00
Hattie M. Wilbar, Satucket,	360 00
Margaret A. Gow, Curtisville,	189 00

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Florence E. Gammons, Curtisville,	135 00
Carrie L. Paine, Eastville,	189 00
Anna Delaney, Eastville,	135 00
Mabel A. Hatch, Northville,	331 50
Grace L. Cook, North Primary,	360 00
Total,	<hr/> \$6,728 49

FUEL.

G. W. Alger, coal,	\$209 77
John Burgess, wood,	35 00
Joshua Dean, coal,	299 25
Total,	<hr/> \$544 02

CARE OF HOUSES AND CLEANING.

James Timmons, care High School,	\$143 63
M. D. Carroll, care West Building,	42 50
Eugene A. Lincoln, care and cleaning Beaver,	46 00
Chas. H. Soule, care Elmwood,	33 75
William N. Shaw, care Elmwood,	8 12
A. Richmond Parker, care Satucket,	24 00
Margaret A. Gow, care Curtisville,	12 00
Edwin Harrington, care Curtisville,	6 00
Arthur Burgess, care Eastville,	12 00
Roy Hatch, care Eastville,	6 00
Mabel A. Hatch, care Northville,	18 00
Mrs. Margaret McDermott, care North Primary,	24 00
Mrs. James Timmons, cleaning,	25 73
Mrs. Margaret McDermott, cleaning, *	23 56
Mrs. Lester Harden, cleaning,	9 00
Total,	<hr/> \$434 29

TREASURER'S REPORT.==CON.

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for teaching,	\$6,728 49
“ fuel,	544 02
“ care and cleaning,	434 29
Total,	<u>\$7,706 80</u>
Amount available,	<u>7,899 02</u>
Unexpended,	<u>\$182 22</u>

REPAIRS ON BUILDINGS.

Geo. L. Chamberlain, labor,	\$3 75
M. S. Curtis, stock and labor,	7 95
Joshua Dean, lumber, etc.	45 88
George B. Howland, labor,	1 75
George S. Howland, labor,	75
Irving Horton, labor,	5 25
W. W. Houghton, labor,	39 57
E. F. Keith, labor,	12 61
Eugene A. Lincoln, labor,	2 25
William H. Taylor, stock and labor,	22 26
Luther Wade, stock and labor,	5 82
John H. Waterman, labor,	2 00
J. M. Whiting, stock and labor,	5 00
Total,	<u>\$154 84</u>
Appropriation,	150 00
Expended in excess of appropriation,	\$4 84

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

American Book Co., books,	\$27 20
Boston School Supply Co., books,	6 25
Ginn & Co., books,	121 65
D. C. Heath & Co., books,	21 01

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J. L. Hammett Co., supplies,	293 61
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	45 15
Harper & Bros., books,	5 64
F. O. Jones, paid for books,	2 94
Maynard, Merrill & Co., books,	84
Thos. R. Shewell & Co., books,	21 54
Silver, Burdett & Co., books,	26 66
University Publishing Co., books,	29 52
Wright & Potter Printing Co., blanks,	1 50
Total,	<hr/> \$603 51
Appropriation,	600 00
Expended in excess of appropriation,	<hr/> \$3 51

INCIDENTALS.

Alger & Co.'s Express,	\$18 65
C. W. Browne, soap,	1 17
Jarvis Burrell, printing,	58 48
E. L. Clark, labor,	3 00
Franklin Educational Co., laboratory supplies,	8 05
F. E. Fuller & Co., incidentals,	30 16
Florence E. Gammons, towels, etc.,	52
Lura Harden, school census,	25 00
Heywood Bros. & Wakefield Co., furniture,	6 80
E. T. Hinckley, repairing clocks,	4 85
F. O. Jones, car fares, postage, etc.,	11 47
Grace Mann, ribbon,	1 85
Miss L. E. Merritt, lectures to teachers,	10 00
E. T. Morse, postage and stationery,	3 59
E. W. Nutter, papers,	2 50
Thos. O. Sime, labor,	1 95
Frank Smith, chemicals,	6 80
L. J. Voigt, filling diplomas,	3 85

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Cyrus Washburn, tuning organ and piano,	4 50
Geo. M. Webber, stock and labor,	138 47
D. A. Young & Co., examining furnace,	3 70
Total,	<hr/> \$345 36
Appropriation,	300 00
Expended in excess of appropriation,	<hr/> \$45 36

TRANSPORTATION.

F. O. Jones, tickets,	\$130 95
Albert Kelley, coach,	213 32
James Roach, coach,	150 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, tickets,	1 77
Total,	<hr/> \$496 04
Appropriation,	500 00
Unexpended,	<hr/> \$3 96

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

F. O. Jones,	\$1,500 00
Received from West Bridgewater,	\$250 00
Received from Raynham,	150 00
Received from State,	312 50
Due from State,	437 50
Appropriation,	350 00
	<hr/> \$1,500 00

MUSIC.

Annie M. Barnes, Supervisor,	\$136 50
Annie M. Barnes, car fares,	1 00
Annie M. Barnes, paid for music,	1 43

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James Roach, carriage hire,	\$40 00
Silver, Burdett & Co., music books,	20 00
Total,	\$198 93
Appropriation,	200 00
Unexpended,	\$1 07

PAINTING AT NORTHVILLE.

W. E. Steinhour, stock and labor,	\$46 25
Appropriation,	75 00
Unexpended,	\$28 75

INSURANCE.

Abington Mutual Fire Insurance Co.,	\$47 90
Appropriation,	60 00
Unexpended,	\$12 10

WELL AT EASTVILLE.

Frederic Corey, stock and labor,	\$81 59
Freeman R. Hatch, labor,	1 25
W. H. Taylor, labor and cash paid,	4 00
Total,	\$ 86 84
Appropriation,	100 00
Unexpended,	\$13 16

SUMMARY.

Available for school purposes,	\$7,889 02
Appropriation for books and supplies,	600 00
incidentals,	300 00
minor repairs,	150 00

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transportation,	\$500 00	
music,	200 00	
well at Eastville,	100 00	
painting,	75 00	
insurance,	60 00	
Available for superintendent's salary,	1,500 00	
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Total,		\$11,374 02
Paid for support of schools,	\$7,706 80	
books and supplies,	603 51	
incidentals,	345 36	
minor repairs,	154 84	
transportation,	496 04	
music,	198 93	
well at Eastville,	86 84	
painting, Northville,	46 25	
insurance,	47 90	
superintendent,	1,500 00	
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Total,	\$11,186 47	
Unexpended,	187 55	
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		\$11,374 02

EDW. T. MORSE, *Treasurer.*

East Bridgewater, Jan. 27, 1900.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER :

As Superintendent of Schools of the Town of East Bridgewater, I have the honor of presenting herewith my second annual report, which is also the eighth of the series of annual reports since the formation of the union district.

Heretofore the school statistics have covered the *calendar* year from January 1st to December 31st, inclusive. For the past year, in accordance with the request of the State Board of Education, who wish to establish a uniform statistical period throughout the state, the statistics will cover the period of the *school* year from September 1898 to June 1899 inclusive. This period, therefore, will lap upon the last four months (September 1898 to December 1898 inclusive) of the previous statistical year. The time of taking the school census has also been changed from May to September, and items are made of the number of children between the ages of seven and fourteen, instead of eight and fourteen as heretofore, to accord with the compulsory attendance law of 1898. Fuller statistics are given than in former years and may be found in the appendix.

Changes in the Corps of Teachers.

APPOINTMENTS.		
NAME.	WHEN APPOINTED.	SCHOOL.
Ralph E. Files,	Sept.	Principal High School.
Blanche C. Grant,	"	Ass't in " "
Susie Whitcomb,	"	" " Grammar School.
Clara E. Noyes,	"	Beaver Primary.
Anna Delaney,	"	Eastville.
Florence C. Gammons,	"	Curtisville.

RESIGNATIONS.

NAME.	WHEN RESIGNED.	SCHOOL.
F. E. Bragdon,	June	Principal High School.
Lydia R. Smith,	"	Ass't in " "
Minnie H. Churchill,	"	" " Grammar School.
Carrie L. Paine,	"	Eastville.
Harriet N. Peterson,	"	Center Intermediate.

TRANSFER.

Margaret A. Gow, from Curtisville to Center Intermediate.

Last spring we received with regret the resignation of Mr. F. E. Bragdon, who had been Principal of the High School for three years. We were fortunate, however, in securing for this position Mr. R. E. Files of Bangor, Maine. Mr. Files has had several years of experience as a High School Principal, and has taken hold of the work here with energy and skill. He has been efficiently aided in his efforts by Miss Blanche C. Grant of Providence, who was appointed in September as his assistant.

While, owing to changes in the force, the amount paid in salaries is smaller than last year in proportion to the number of teachers, yet a few salaries were raised, and we were thus able to retain the services of three excellent teachers, who were about to accept more lucrative positions elsewhere. I am sure that any person who has visited the schools presided over by these teachers, has been convinced of the wisdom of this action of the school committee.

The necessity for special direction of drawing in the schools led to securing Miss L. Eveline Merritt, Assistant Drawing Instructor of the Bridgewater Normal, to outline the work each term for the teachers and to criticise the results obtained. Thus, for small expense, more unified and definite work is possible in this important subject.

The work in music the past year, as in the preceding year, gives evidence of the characteristic skill and enthusiasm of the supervisor whose interesting report is appended.

That a more satisfactory system of writing might be secured, a change of books was deemed advisable. An examination of the leading vertical systems terminated in the adoption of the *Vertical Round Hand Books*, prepared by H. W. Shalor, and published by Ginn & Co. While we found other excellent systems, including those having newer "wrinkles" and alleged improvements in the mechanical construction of the page, as to guide lines, etc., in the judgment of the superintendent and of the several committees of the district, the books chosen combine most satisfactorily the qualities of simplicity, beauty and possible rapidity of execution—manifestly essential characteristics in a good system of writing.

An important change which occurred last March in the school organization, has been productive of results so decided as to demand more than a passing remark. I refer to the re-opening of the Beaver Intermediate school. Miss Mansfield is an excellent teacher; but when, in September, 1898, she was asked to manage six grades comprising fifty pupils, a task requiring Herculean powers was imposed upon her. She could give a very insufficient amount of time to each class, and practically no time to individual pupils. By establishing the Intermediate department under the charge of Miss Mansfield and by placing the Primary department in care of Miss Noyes, a remarkable change has been wrought. The fragmentary recitations necessitated by the previous conditions had rendered the children unable to give adequate expression to their thoughts, and had superinduced in them a state of intellectual apathy. The present conditions have developed these children in no uncertain degree.

They have become animated in appearance and in action; their interest is alive and real; they are anxious to recite, and are rapidly gaining power to express their thoughts with freedom and adequacy. The people of this section are to be congratulated upon the unwonted progress of their children.

This marked change at the Beaver school is an object lesson for the townspeople. Had the suggestion in my report of last year, regarding the formation of an intermediate department in the east part of the town, been carried out, we could have taken the same pride in the progress of the schools in that section as we do now at Beaver. I therefore renew the recommendation that the Eastville school building be used for intermediate grades. For the plan in detail, I refer you to page 22 of last year's school report.

As this report passes through the hands of the committee, to the citizens of the town, it is proper to make a statement here concerning the condition of the Center schools, which occasioned the petition in November for a special town meeting.

The article for new desks and seats for the Intermediate school-room was deemed advisable by the petitioners for the following reasons:

1. The increase in the number of pupils in the fall sadly overcrowded this department. After transferring to other schools as many as practicable, there still remained fifty-six pupils to be accommodated by fifty-four seats.

2. To aggravate the difficulty further, a number of the desks and seats are in a badly dilapidated condition, hardly safe for use.

3. It would be false delicacy to remain silent concerning the condition of morals in the Center Intermediate department. While Miss Gow is doing excellent work in raising the general *morale* of

her school, she is laboring under a decided disadvantage because her pupils are huddled together in the old-fashioned ill-adapted double seats with which the room is furnished. Furthermore, the shape of the room is rendered very inconvenient for the present plan of seating by the partition which sets off the recitation room of the Grammar school. When the teacher is at her desk, four of her pupils seated near this partition are out of her range of vision.

Fifty-six single desks and seats could be placed in the room by setting them to face directly opposite to the present arrangement. The teacher's desk could then be placed at the other side of the room, from which position all the pupils would be in sight. This suggestion as to the opposite facing of the seats would be obviously unnecessary if the department were given other quarters as requested in a later article of the warrant; but the new furniture would be just as necessary for a temporary room and could be used later in whatever building the department was permanently located.

It is evident that more and better seats are needed. The single seating would remove many of the temptations under which the children are now placed. Can we afford to hesitate to give our teachers every possible aid in their efforts to secure a purer moral atmosphere in the schools? The whole cost of furnishing this department with Chandler adjustable desks and seats would be less than two hundred dollars—not a large sum for the advantages to be gained.

The article with reference to repairing the blackboards throughout the High School building has been criticised by some who say that this expense should be met by the appropriation for minor repairs. When opportunity has offered, the superintendent has informed these critics that such was the purpose of the committee

until it was found by a careful estimate that the necessary repairs upon the fourteen hundred feet of blackboard surface in the building would cost \$153, which is three dollars more than the entire minor repair fund.

Much of this blackboard surface has become utterly useless. The teachers have covered entire lengths of it with paper, in order to give their schoolrooms a more respectable appearance.

The article for the equipment of temporary quarters for the Intermediate department was introduced for reasons which follow :

1. The room now occupied by the Intermediate department could then be used for the surplus from the over-crowded Grammar School, which at present harbors ninety-three pupils—too large a number to be handled to the best advantage in one room.

2. The recitation room of the Grammar department is inadequate for the classes assigned to the assistant. When thirty-six pupils are crowded into this small, ill-ventilated apartment, the air soon becomes vitiated, children ordinarily well behaved, become restless and hard to manage, while both the communication and assimilation of knowledge become correspondingly difficult.

The superintendent earnestly recommends, therefore, that the Center Intermediate department be given other quarters, that the seventh grade be moved from the Grammar school room to the room vacated by the Intermediate school and placed under the charge of the assistant, who shall regularly conduct her classes in this room.

The article of the warrant which referred to an addition to the High school building was inserted merely as an option because it would be the *cheapest* method of securing a permanent room for the Intermediate department.

By far the best plan for additional school accommodations,

however, would be the erection of a separate building. When the article for the consideration of this matter was placed in the warrant, it was not the purpose of the petitioners to secure an immediate vote upon the building itself, but to obtain the appointment of a committee to report plans and specifications at the March meeting. Owing to unfortunate circumstances and a misunderstanding of the real object of the petitioners, the special meeting was adjourned until March, thus rendering fruitless, in the meantime, all efforts for the relief of the Center schools.

The superintendent, therefore, suggests in the order of expense to be incurred, three separate plans for the consideration of the citizens at the March meeting, hoping that one of these plans may be adopted. While the last one entails a larger expenditure than the others, it would, in the opinion of the superintendent, settle the matter of new buildings with practical permanence.

The first plan to be presented is the erection of a two-room building similar to the West schoolhouse, on some lot near Central street, east of the N. Y., N. H. & H. railroad tracks. This would not only secure quarters for the Center Intermediate department but it would also satisfy the desire of the people of the east part of the village for another Primary school. The cost of such a building has been estimated at about \$2700.

Another plan is to give up the whole High school building to the Grammar and Intermediate schools and erect a new building for the High school. Providing the land could be secured, the vacant lot on the north side of Central street, just east of the N. Y., N. H. & H. railroad, would make a good location for such a structure.

The third plan, which would manifestly prove the most satisfactory in the end, is to construct an eight-room central building in the

place of the present High school house, or on some other convenient site. This would satisfy demands for school buildings and would be amply sufficient in the event of further consolidation of the schools and conveyance of the pupils.

While the erection of such a building entails more expense than either of the other plans, yet arrangements are possible by which the tax rate need be but slightly raised. For purposes like this a town may borrow money on notes issued by its treasurer for any period up to twenty years if its citizens so vote. At the time of this writing, no accurate estimate of the cost of the suggested building has been secured; but suppose it should cost \$15,000. The town could issue notes through its treasurer for this sum, arranging to pay, besides the interest, \$750 of the principal each year. This would cancel the debt in twenty years and at the present valuation, counting interest at four per cent., which would be a maximum estimate, the average tax rate would be increased but seventy-two cents on a thousand.

When we consider the poor condition of the present High school building—its faulty heating apparatus, absolutely useless when the mercury nears the zero point, incurring an expense in such weather of \$15 a day, for which the town receives no benefit whatever; when we consider the cost of making this building presentable or even habitable; when we compare the sensations aroused by the contemplation of the present structure with the justifiable pride which every citizen would take in a comfortable modern building, does it not appear that the erection of a new central school house is the most practical and economical plan?

I wish to bring to the attention of the citizens the recent satisfactory arrangement for the conveyance of pupils to the Center. By dispensing with the coach in the west part of the town, and employ-

ing the electric cars as a means of transportation from that section, it has been made possible to place another coach on the east route, where one conveyance had become insufficient. These changes are a marked improvement, conducing to convenient and comfortable conditions for all concerned.

This system of conveying the pupils of the eighth and ninth grades, and in some instances of the seventh, from the outlying schools to the Center, has been in operation in East Bridgewater now for seven years. The results of the plan have been eminently successful. The citizens must heartily congratulate themselves that this progressive and necessary step was postponed no longer. By referring to an early report of Superintendent McKeen, I find that when he entered upon his duties here, the pupils living at the Center were fitted for the High school in three different rooms practically as they are now, while at Beaver and Elmwood the attempt was made to fit pupils equally as well by only two teachers, in two rooms with four grades each, and in each of the outlying schools the vain struggle was being made to give pupils this same preparation, by one teacher, with eight different grades!

Now the upper grade pupils from all sections of the town receive the equal advantages of the better grading, better appliances and more experienced teachers at the Center, and all enter the High school on an equal footing. The excellent working of the present system was clearly demonstrated when twenty-one of the twenty-four pupils who finished in the ninth grade last June, entered the High School in September. In the light of these facts, is there a citizen of East Bridgewater who would desire a return to the former system?

During the past year all the school books which are fit for use have been numbered, and the supply department has kept with each teacher a strict record of the books in her school. The teacher in

turn has kept with each of her pupils an exact account of the books loaned him. The Bay State blanks employed for this account provide for the use of a small figure to indicate the condition of each book. For instance, the figure "1" indicates that the book is new; the figure "2" that it is slightly worn; the figure "3" that it is much worn. At intervals the books are examined by the teacher. If a volume is lost or its condition is unduly changed for the worse the parents of the child must pay for it or replace it with a new one. The natural result following the introduction of this system is to render the children careful of the books intrusted to them and effectually to check the frequent destruction and loss to which this branch of the town property was formerly subjected.

Last spring the superintendent endeavored to check the carelessness with respect to school attendance which manifested itself in certain sections of the district. In some instances children were kept from school upon almost any pretext, and frequently no reason was assigned for the child's absence. In order to make clear the serious nature of this carelessness, the teachers were instructed to explain the State law to the children and to impress upon their minds that the law allowed the school authorities to excuse only cases of *necessary* absence.

To prevent misunderstanding as to the interpretation of the law and as to what constituted a necessary absence, this fall the superintendent prepared a notice quoting the latest State law upon the subject of attendance and giving the reasons which would form legitimate excuses for absence. These notices received the approval of the school committees of each town of the district and a printed slip containing the notice which follows, was sent to the parent or guardian of every child in the schools.

Please keep for reference.

NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.

The attention of parents and guardians is called to the following sections from chapter 496 of the State laws of 1898.

SECTION 12. Every child between seven and fourteen years of age shall attend some public day school in the town or city in which he resides during the entire time the public day schools are in session.

* * * * * *provided*, that the superintendent of schools, or where there is no superintendent of schools, the school committee, or teachers acting under authority of said superintendent of schools or school committee, may excuse cases of necessary absence. * * *

§ 31. Any person having under his control a child between seven and fourteen years of age who fails for five day sessions or ten half day sessions within any period of six months while under such control, to cause such child to attend school as required by section twelve of this act, the physical or mental condition of such child not being such as to render his attendance at school harmful or impracticable, upon complaint by a truant officer, and conviction thereof shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than twenty dollars. Any person who induces or attempts to induce any child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors while school is in session any child absent unlawfully from school, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

It is obviously the duty of the school authorities to enforce the State laws printed above. In order, however, that cases of "necessary absence" may be excused, it will be readily seen that the teacher must know the REASON for each absence recorded.

The superintendent therefore asks the earnest co-operation of the parents and guardians in carrying out the following regulations:

In every instance where it is possible, the parent or guardian of a pupil intending, for any reason, to absent himself from any regular session of school should, before the opening of said session, make application, either in person or by letter, to the teacher of said school, for permission for the pupil thus to absent himself, and in such excuse should state the reason for absence. To exclude possibilities of mistake, an excuse by letter should contain the date upon which it is written.

The following reasons will constitute legitimate excuses for absence:

1. Death in the family of the pupil.
2. Illness or physical disability on the part of the pupil, or illness in the immediate family, which positively necessitates the presence of the pupil at home.
3. Weather so inclement as to render it imprudent for the pupil to attend school.
4. Certain other possible reasons which may be decided as legitimate by the teacher and superintendent as occasion arises.

FRANK O. JONES, *Supt. of Schools*
East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater and Raynham.

NOTE. When eight UNEXCUSED half-day absences have been recorded against a pupil in one term of school, the teacher will notify the superintendent, and warn the parent or guardian of the pupil, that the limit prescribed by law is nearly reached. When no reason for an absence is given, such absence will be recorded as unexcused.

The attempt to call the attention of the people to the necessity for regular school attendance has not been in vain. While whooping cough and other diseases common to childhood have depleted the ranks for a time in some sections, on the whole the teachers' monthly reports to the superintendent show a marked rise in percentage of attendance. Several of these reports this fall have registered a daily attendance for the month of over 99 per cent.

Another matter which the superintendent has given recent attention is the preparation of a new monthly report card for the pupils. On this card, "effort" has been given an equal place with the regular subjects of study. While a pupil's standing in arithmetic, language, and geography is understood to have the most weight in deciding upon his promotion, I have instructed the teachers to take into consideration the effort made by each pupil and to record it carefully upon the card sent home to his parents.

Progressive educators agree with practical unanimity that the relative standing of a pupil as compared with that of other members of his class, does not constitute his true measure, but that he must be estimated by the individual effort which he puts forth. The old systems of ranking pupils as first, second, and third in the class, as an incentive, and of reckoning their attainments to the fraction of one per cent., have been discarded for more humane and rational methods.

As bearing upon this point, I will quote a passage from the current report of Superintendent Hervey of Pawtucket.

"Any system (of marking) that lays emphasis upon the absolute attainment of pupils rather than upon the effort by which that attainment was reached seems to be wrong in theory and harmful in practice. It is a matter of supreme indifference how much or how little John is supposed to know as compared with James. The vital

thing to take account of is whether John with his individual endowment of talent and opportunity is living up to the full measure of his possibilities. * * * *

"The bright boy who learns with little effort should not be given the occasion to feel that, though he has not done much to merit it, he is really a very superior person; nor should the slow boy, when he reluctantly carries home his report, be forced to the conclusion that, though he has striven as never before to do his best, somehow there is something counted more worthy than faithful effort, and that he, through no fault of his own, has fallen short of it. A system of marking that lays the emphasis upon attainment rather than upon faithful effort can hardly fail to confuse ethical distinctions in the mind of the child and to discourage those who stand in great need of help."

The most careful consideration of the individual pupil is likewise required in settling questions of promotion. Suppose, in a grade, there are two pupils who have attained practically the same standing and have put forth essentially the same effort. Suppose, however, that one of these pupils is young for his grade and his lack of scholarship is the result of immaturity; while the other is old for his grade and his low standing is the result of slowness. Here, assuredly, is a call for recognition of the individual. Is it not for the advantage of the immature one to remain in the lower grade until he is able to grasp the work there to be accomplished? On the other hand, are there not many instances wherein it would be better for the slow one, providing he displayed the proper spirit and effort,, to go on from grade to grade, absorbing what he can in the short period during which the majority of such pupils can be induced to attend school?

These are difficult questions for the teacher to decide, and they demand that she study her individual pupils with discriminating care. It is in deciding these questions that the teacher displays her greatest interest in the welfare of the individual; yet just here is the source of the most frequent and most bitter misunderstandings between parents and teachers. Often the teacher is doubtless at fault for not informing the parent of the first serious falling off on the part of the pupil in any subject. The monthly report card is not sufficient. The busy parent does not always stop to compare each month's record with the preceding one. His attention should be especially called to any record which shows a lack of proper effort on the part of his child. The parent being thus warned may be able to give the pupil the right incentive to better work. At all events, the news of his child's failure will not come as a disagreeable surprise at the close of the term.

On the other hand, though a child's failure may be due to idleness, lack of application or irregular attendance, his explanation to his parent is very naturally, yet perhaps unintentionally, colored by a desire for self-justification, and his teacher is censured for injustice and partiality. The parent too frequently accepts without further investigation, this one-sided account of the situation and immediately enters a complaint to the superintendent that the teacher is unfit for her position. How many times does the same threadbare cry come to the superintendent's ears: "The teacher is down on my child, and when this condition exists it is of no use for the child to try."

Does the parent never consider that, were a teacher so indiscreet as to allow her aversion for a child to affect her attitude toward him or to influence her judgment in matters of promotion, instead of insisting upon his presence in the same grade another year, she would

hasten the departure of such a pupil by promoting him as rapidly as consistent with her authority?

In the majority of failures with respect to promotion, the trouble may be traced to the pupil. He has either neglected to give his lessons proper attention, or he has been unable to accomplish the work in the required time. In either case the teacher is not at fault. With her manifold duties as instructor, manager, and guide of her many children of many minds, she cannot with justice spend her whole time watching the inattentive ones, nor can she always furnish impetus for the slow ones. It is for the teacher's interest to give her pupils as high a record as possible; as another superintendent puts it: "If any mistake is made it will probably be in giving too high a mark."

At the same time, the teacher is in the most favorable position to render competent judgment upon the school work of the pupil, and almost never does a case arise wherein both the superintendent and parents cannot safely abide by the teacher's decision.

The failure of a pupil, however, is not the sole cause of misunderstanding between parents and teachers. Punishment is a fruitful source of trouble. Here also there is a tendency on the part of some parents to place implicit faith in the biased reports of the child, and without investigation to arraign the teacher for hasty or vindictive action.

It is true that a teacher frequently uses more severity than parents have felt it necessary to employ at home with the same child; but again the numbers in charge and the nature of the teacher's work render imperative more circumspect behavior and more implicit obedience on the part of the pupil than is often demanded in the home. The teacher, on the other hand, may not have made

a study of the particular child in question. An early conference with the parents might have disclosed certain peculiarities of the pupil by reason of which he needed special attention and training.

In the foregoing I have manifested the desire that attention shall be given, as far as practicable, to the individual pupils, and the belief that successful endeavor in this direction demands a closer relation between teachers and parents. As I have said so often in talks with parents, the school and home must co-operate if the *best* is to be done for the children. By becoming familiar with the school, by observing the work his child does there and the way he does it, by exchanging views with the teacher as to the especial needs and possibilities of the child, the parent will do his part to bring about the desired co-operation and will render the teacher invaluable aid in her study and training of the individual.

In order to have an understanding with the parents concerning a much discussed phase of school management, I wish to make clear my position upon the question of corporal punishment. I can do this no better than by giving my answers to seven questions which were asked me by an editor of the magazine, "Education", who is making a study of corporal punishment in the schools of Massachusetts.

The questions and answers follow :

"I. Is corporal punishment employed in the schools of your community?"

Ans. Yes.

"II. If so, to what extent?"

Ans. When all other means have been tried a reasonable number of times, in the teacher's judgment, and have failed, corporal punishment is used as a last resort before taking the child to court.

“ III. Under what regulation ?

(a) Administered by teacher, principal or yourself. ”

Ans. By the teacher usually.

“(b) In private or in the presence of others? ”

Ans. In private.

“(c) What instrument is used? ”

Ans. Usually a rattan ; sometimes a strap.

“ IV. For what kind of offences? ”

Ans. Direct disobedience, *i. e.*, actual rebellion against the authority of the teacher ; insolence, and constant repetition of offenses wherein other means of punishment and “ moral suasion ” have failed.

“ V. Is it accompanied or followed by the use of ‘ moral suasion ’? ”

Ans. The supposition is that “ moral suasion ” has already been tried to its limit. However, if in the judgment of the teacher, the child is in an especially receptive mood after the infliction of corporal punishment, “ moral suasion may follow.

“ VI. What is your opinion of its value. ”

Ans. It is absolutely indispensable to the best interests of some children. Of course, order in the school-room may be maintained by expelling an incorrigible and having him committed to the reform school ; but I am sure there are instances where a sound thrashing would make the pupil submissive and bring about his reform without placing upon him the lasting disgrace of a term at a reform school where he would be subjected in a greater or less degree to the worst and lowest of influences.

“ VII. Do you think it could be dispensed with? ”

Ans. I think it should be reduced to a minimum; but, I believe, to dispense with it altogether would jeopardize the souls of certain pupils.

A topic to which I wish to give due space, is the course of study for the ninth grade. The suggestions offered are the result of nearly two years of careful observation of the present course. As it now stands, this course requires little else than a thorough review in the common branches, which have already been completed in the eighth grade. A year's review, taking up practically the same subject matter as has just been covered, with few changes of books or methods, may pall upon the best of pupils. It destroys interest, thus taking away the incentive for study. Idleness begets mischief, hence discipline suffers. The pupil learns to dawdle at just the time when the awakening of desire for higher and more accurate knowledge is most important. Entering the High school after a year of desultory study, he encounters extreme difficulty in acquiring the intensity of application necessary for new work.

Much has been said, and with good reason, concerning the "gap", which exists in so many school systems, between the highest Grammar grade and the first year in the High school. One of the principal excuses of the ninth grade for being, is to bridge the gap between the elementary and the secondary school. Our ninth grade course in its present form, signally fails to accomplish this purpose.

I believe thoroughly in review; but such review should add to repetition the fixing in mind of principles already studied, by the application of these principles to new subjects. Thus, not only would interest in matter previously studied be sustained and the immediate object of review be accomplished, but also there would be awakened a desire to pursue the new subject further. The transition to the High school would be easy and natural, and the pupil's

entrance to that institution would be practically assured. The studies of the first High school year having been taken up in an elementary way in the Grammar school, the pupil would not be confronted by the difficulties of an entirely new sphere of work.

I therefore recommend that arithmetic be reviewed by an application of its principles to book-keeping, elementary algebra, and concrete geometry. Physical geography, I would merge into the natural sciences, giving topical work in elementary geology, physics and chemistry. Political geography and United States history, I would combine in elementary civics. Believing that technical grammar requires some work beyond that done in the eighth grade, I would devote part of the time of the ninth grade to a careful study of that subject, giving especial attention to the construction of the sentence, with an extensive use of the diagram for written analysis. I would apply the principles of grammar in composition and in literature, giving much time to composition, not neglecting frequent daily themes, which should receive careful correction and special individual attention.

Such changes in the ninth grade course as I have suggested, I hope may be carried into effect next September.

As an additional means conducing to a natural transition between the Grammar and High schools, I suggest a slight change in the closing exercises of the ninth grade. When these are made formal graduating exercises, as at the close of the High school or college, is there not a tendency on the part of the pupil to feel that he has finished his necessary education, and that anything beyond savors of luxury? Moreover, with no greater development than it is possible for children to acquire in the elementary schools, is there not danger that these exercises shall become rather pretentious? I believe in conditions which will make the pupil feel that in entering

the High school, he is merely passing from the ninth to the tenth grade—that there is no real stopping point before High school graduation, and only a nominal one then. Furthermore, if the graduating exercises have but a tinge of pretentiousness, there is unquestionable danger of producing in the children who participate a very unhealthy condition of mind.

I would suggest, therefore, that the exercises be made general for the school, giving the ninth grade, of course, a major part in the program, and that the members of this grade receive certificates of promotion to the first year of the High school.

While speaking of the needs of the Grammar school, my duty to that institution would be unfulfilled if I did not recommend for its immediate use a set of maps and globes. There is also a dearth of these helpful appliances in nearly all the schools of the town.

The trustees of the Public Library have signified their willingness to purchase books for the Library, which will be of value as supplementary reading for the pupils of the schools, providing the school department will furnish a suitable list of such books. A list is now being prepared in accordance with this kind offer. I heartily welcome the proposed co-operation of the Library with the schools. It will be of inestimable value to the pupil in broadening his horizon and in leading him to prize the Library for purposes of research and cultivation as well as for entertainment.

A matter of which I wish to express my appreciation, is the interest which many of the teachers have taken in schoolroom decoration. The inexpensive prints of photographs and of famous works of art, used so much in these decorations, not only make the rooms attractive, but they bring an atmosphere of culture. The children are thus made familiar with the faces of famous persons, with noted places, and with masterpieces of painting and sculpture ;

their mental world is enlarged, and besides this, there is awakened and stimulated in them a refining love for the beautiful.

Before closing, I wish to call especial attention to the following matters which Mr. Files has treated in his report, viz., the satisfactory operation of the new four-year course which was recommended last year; the highly commendable and helpful enterprise of the students in establishing a school paper; and the preparation of a course of study for the English department by Miss Grant. This course in English, which is appended to the High school report, covers the required reading for college entrance, and, moreover, furnishes suggestions for anyone outside the school, who wishes to follow a systematic course in reading standard English and American literature.

In conclusion, I desire to express my gratitude for your cordial support and to acknowledge the cheerful assistance of all my associates in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK O. JONES,

Superintendent of Schools.

East Bridgewater, Mass.

January 30, 1900.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL.

TO F. O. JONES, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
East Bridgewater, Mass.

I submit to you the following report, which is a careful estimate of the work of the High school for the past five months.

At the opening of the fall term, I found that the High school department consisted of forty-seven pupils classified as follows: senior class, numbering eleven; second-year class, numbering fifteen, and an entering class of twenty-one members. During the fall term, the school maintained a total membership of forty-six, and an average attendance of forty-five and seven-tenths, sickness causing the loss of one member. There were twenty-six pupils who were not absent for the term, and in nearly every case of non-attendance, sickness was the cause, or an equally good excuse was given for the absence. In the matter of prompt attendance, the school as a whole did well, but in a few cases there was extreme carelessness; however, an improvement was made toward the end of the term.

During this school year we have put in practice as far as has been possible, the new course of study, and have entered all pupils in a four year course. In the fall term, the studies pursued were as follows; for the senior class, English, Arithmetic, Physics, Latin, and French, and for a few who were behind the course, Geometry; for the second-year class, English, General History, Algebra, Geology, and Latin; and for the first-year class, English, Algebra, Physical Geography, and Latin.

We have so divided the session that each teacher has seven

recitation periods of thirty-five minutes each. Although this is a comparatively short period, yet it suffices for small classes.

I would call attention to the fact that, up to this time, work in the English department has been irregular and unsatisfactory. It has been Miss Grant's special duty to establish a thorough and systematic course in this department. This she has done, and with the approval of the Committee and yourself, the course, an outline of which I hand you with this report, will be adopted.

Connected with the work in English, is the Rhetorical Association, which is conducted by the pupils under the direction of the teachers. The aim of this Association is to increase interest in the declamation and essay work. Without detracting from the efficiency of the work, some changes have been made in the plan of work of the Association, making it more in the nature of a debating society. This tends to make the pupils mentally active, and capable of expressing thought extemporaneously with ease and readiness.

I would also mention the paper which is published by the pupils of the school, and which made its initial appearance this month. It is a bright and interesting number, and is a credit to the editors and contributors. The inestimable value of such a paper lies particularly in the putting into practice of instruction in the English branches. The business management of the paper also furnishes opportunities for development along a line which is too often neglected.

In my mind, examinations given at the end of each term, besides being long and tiresome, lead to cramming and are often an occasion for cheating. In final examinations, on which class promotion depends, there is strong inducement to make unusual efforts of memory serve in place of sound learning. We have endeavored to avoid these evils by giving monthly review tests in each subject. These are found sufficient aids in testing progress and we have dispensed with other examinations.

Our aim has been, in all departments of study, to develop the powers of the pupil systematically and symmetrically, to instil principles of honor and truthfulness, and to develop self-reliance and individuality. We have tried to stimulate observation and inquiry in the direction in which the mind of the pupil has already been developed, thus trying to take away from instruction the reproach of being unpractical.

I was sorry to note at the opening of the year, a great tendency on the part of many to rely on their neighbors for a large share of their work. It appeared to be a practice of long standing, and no one seemed to realize the moral injury or the injustice he was doing himself. Since the matter was laid before the pupils, in its true light, there has been a marked improvement.

Important as it is to have a good course of study and competent teachers, the condition of the school building and grounds is of equal significance. The condition of our High School building and its premises is a reproach to the community.

A school building should be conveniently and pleasantly situated, and it should be arranged for the comfort of the pupil. Care should be specially given for the admission of light. And the heating and ventilation should be properly looked after, so that a uniform temperature may be preserved and a sufficient supply of pure air secured. There can be no possible excuse for injuring the eyesight of pupils because of insufficient light, or for poisoning them with foul air.

The well-equipped and cheerful school building is a stimulus to work of a superior quality. It is also essential that the play-ground be well adapted to the needs of the pupil. For any part of it to be used as a dumping-ground for ashes or other rubbish does not add to its usefulness or attractiveness.

In closing, I would suggest that, in order to obtain the best results in the English course as made out, this course should be the culmination of an equally thorough course, developed throughout the lower grades. I would also mention the want of apparatus in the line of maps, charts, and books necessary for successful instruction. Neglect in this direction is in part due to a mistaken notion in regard to the importance of apparatus, and in part to the desire to reduce expenses to the lowest possible amount. Economy, it is easy to show, is on the side of wise and proper expenditure, as by it the efficiency of the school is greatly increased.

I desire to make grateful acknowledgement of the invaluable assistance, which I have received from you and from the committee, who have freely responded to every request that lay in your power to grant.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH E. FILES, *Principal.*

January 27, 1900.

East Bridgewater High School.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

COURSE IN ENGLISH. == First Year.

RHETORIC — COMPOSITION.

Three hours.

RHETORIC.

Study of figures. Lockwood.
Review of Grammar. Lockwood.
(Study the clause and the sentence. Careful use of the *dictionary* required.)
How to write.

COMPOSITION.

Simple narration and description.
(Material from literature.)
1. Elementary outlines to be made of literature read.
2. Reproduction from listening to reading in class hour.
3. Daily themes.
4. Lives of Authors.

AIMS.

1. To secure correct grammatical use.
2. To stimulate interest in self-expression through writing.
3. To gain the habit of using the dictionary.

LITERATURE.

One hour.

AMERICAN PROSE.

Reading of
Irving — Sketch Book.
Hawthorne — Tales of the White Hills.
Cooper — The Last of the Mohicans.
Special study of theme and style.

AMERICAN POETRY.

1. Study of one representative work of
Longfellow — Courtship of Miles Standish.
Bryant — Thanatopsis.
Lowell — Vision of Sir Launfal.
Whittier — Snowbound.
2. Reading of other works of each of these authors.
3. Memorizing selections.
4. Study of lives and times of authors.

AIMS.

1. To stimulate enjoyment of literature.
2. To give knowledge of the American period of history and literature.
3. To include the college requirements.

COURSE IN ENGLISH. == Second Year.

RHETORIC — COMPOSITION.

Two hours.

RHETORIC.

1. Review of figures.
2. Word study — derivation — synonyms.
3. Study of the paragraph.
Kellogg.
4. Study of the sentence.
Kellogg.
(Study of Webster's orations.)

COMPOSITION.

1. Narration. Description. (Material for subjects to be suggested by the work in history.)
2. Reviews of books read. (One book to be read each month)
3. Special work in outlines for compositions.
4. Daily themes.

AIMS.

1. To gain definite understanding of paragraph and sentence structure.
2. To enlarge vocabulary.
3. To inspire love of reading good books.
4. To secure method in composition work by use of analytical outlines.

LITERATURE.

Two hours.

19TH CENTURY LITERATURE- PROSE AND POETRY.

- Study of masterpieces of
Scott — Ivanhoe.
Coleridge — The Ancient Mariner.
Tennyson — The Princess.
- Outside reading from Scott, Dickens,
Thackeray, George Eliot, Lamb,
Macaulay.

1. Slight studies of literary characteristics.
2. Memorizing selections.
3. Study of lives and times of authors.

AIMS.

1. To lay foundation for appreciation of literature.
2. To give knowledge of the period.
3. To include the college requirements.

COURSE IN ENGLISH. == Third Year.

RHETORIC — COMPOSITION.

Two hours.

RHETORIC.

Study exposition and argument.

Burke's Speech on Conciliation
with America.

COMPOSITION.

1. Long expository and argumentative essays. (Class debates.)
2. Outline work of Second year continued.
3. Oral reviews of books read. (One book to be read each month.)

AIMS.

1. To cultivate ability to make and develop good outlines. (Logical thought.)
2. To improve oral expression of thought.

LITERATURE.

Three hours.

HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE.

1. Collateral reading in connection with a general review of the different periods.
2. Literary criticism.
3. Reading of Stone's History of England.

Special study in the latter part of the year of

1. Sir Roger de Coverly Papers.
2. Pope's Iliad.
3. Goldsmith's Vicar of Wakefield.
4. Macaulay's Essays on Milton and Addison.
5. Other works mentioned in requirements for entering Bridgewater Normal School

AIMS.

1. To give general knowledge of the whole of English Literature.
2. To encourage reading of the classics.

COURSE IN ENGLISH. -- Fourth Year.

RHETORIC — COMPOSITION.

LITERATURE.

Four hours.

1. Review of different kinds of composition.
2. Essays on subjects more abstract than in previous years. (Careful detailed outlines.)

STUDY OF MASTERPIECES.

Shakespeare — Hamlet, Macbeth,
Merchant of Venice.
Milton — Paradise Lost, Lycidas,
Comas, L'Allegro, Il Penseroso.

AIM.

To cultivate ability to write on subjects that the pupils may have occasion to use later in life.

AIMS.

1. To stimulate appreciation of the great works of literature.
2. To include the college requirements.

Miss Grant wishes to acknowledge her indebtedness to Miss Emily J. Meader of the Providence Classical High school, whose course in English has been of great value in the preparation of this outline.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER :

In summing up the musical results for the year, three essentials must be considered ; first, quality of tone ; second, ability to read ; third, artistic interpretation. If the pupils have gained in purity of tone, in ability to read in the various keys, and, from an artistic standpoint, are better able to interpret a song, then can it be said they have surely advanced musically.

I find that good progress along these lines has been made the past year. The value of the study of music is being appreciated more and more by both teachers and pupils. I know this by the added interest shown.

I wish to emphasize the importance of musical *work* in the Primary grades. It is here to a great degree that the child gains his love for music ; especially is this true if he has but little at home. He gains this by means of the rote song, and also, I hold, by the power gained to read his own little exercises and songs. By necessity, on account of the plurality of grades in many of our schools, the little one has had to gain much of his musical knowledge by his natural power of absorption. I think this is educationally right up to a certain point, but beyond this the mind is not stimulated musically. We all appreciate and love that for which we struggle. If the music work could be graded somewhat after the manner of the other work in school, the pupils would graduate better equipped musically, and with a deeper love and appreciation for the best.

A teacher need not of necessity be an artist in song to produce good musical results in her pupils. To the teacher who is naturally musical this work comes easier, but no one need feel she is incapable of teaching music. It is the application of modern educational methods to the music lesson that is one of the greatest factors in producing good results in our schools.

The introduction of the Natural Method charts and books in the lower grades has proved a great success, and I know both teachers and pupils have appreciated having tools with which to work.

The pupils in the Grammar and High schools have at all times shown a willingness to co-operate with the director, and satisfactory results have followed.

I desire to express my hearty appreciation of the willingness on the part of all the teachers to carry out any and all plans that have been presented. Only by unity of action can harmony reign, and music serve its true purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE M. BARNES,

Supervisor of Music.

Summary of Statistics for the School Year 1898-1899.

Population of East Bridgewater, census of 1895,	2,894
Number of schools,	14
Number of teachers required,	16
Number of teachers employed during the year,	17
Number of children in town between the ages of 5 and 15 years, as shown by census of Sept., 1899	498
May, 1898,	489
May, 1897,	456
Number of children in town between the ages of 7 and 14 years, census of Sept., 1899,	357
Number of pupils enrolled on school register during the year,	555
Number of pupils enrolled between the ages of 7 and 14 years,	422
Number of pupils enrolled over 15 years,	40
Average membership,	35.34
Average attendance,	33.33
Per cent. of attendance,	92.84
Per cent. of attendance, 1898,	95.09
Number of visits by truant officers,	18

Synopsis of Registers for the School Year 1898-1899.

School.	Grades.	Enrollment	Average membership	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.
High School.....		45	41.65	*40.11	95.93
Center Grammar.....	VII—IX	91	79.6	77.15	96.91
Center Intermediate...	IV—VI	50	46.5	49.1	94.6
North Primary.....	I—III	50	41.43	37.11	88.9
West Intermediate....	IV—VII	36	30.82	28.97	99.57
West Primary.....	I—III	36	32.94	30.95	93.95
Beaver Intermediate..	IV—VII	29*	33.56	31.44	94.19
Beaver Primary.....	I—III	28	24.37	23.09	95.13
Elmwood Intermediate	IV—VII	31	28.36	25.87	90.17
Elmwood Primary....	I—III	46	42.24	36.22	85.40
Satucket	I—VII	23	20.35	18.36	90.4
Curtisville....	I—VI	26	23.74	22.12	93.47
Eastville	I—VI	28	20.2	20.1	89.7
Northville.....	I—VI	36	29.04	25.97	89.4

* Enrollment of the school after its division in March. The averages given are for the *entire year*.

List of Teachers for Calendar Year, 1899.

NAME.	WHEN ELECT'D.	SCHOOL AND GRADE.
* Fred E. Bragdon,	Sept. 1896	Prin. High.
Ralph E. Files,	" 1899	" " "
* Lydia R. Smith,	Mar. 1897	Ass't " "
Blanch C. Grant,	Sept. 1899	" " "
Maud L. Johnson,	" 1895	Prin. Gram., VII, VIII, IX.
* Minnie H. Churchill,	" 1898	Ass't " "
Susie Whitecomb,	" 1899	" " "
* Harriet N. Peterson,	Mar. 1896	Cent. Int., IV, V, VI.
Grace L. Cook,	Sept. 1898	North Prim., I, II, III.
Blanche Watson,	" 1898	West Int., IV, V, VI.
Cora B. Crabtree,	Nov. 1894	" Prim., I, II, III.
A. Lillian Warren,	Sept. 1898	Elmwood Int., IV, V, VI, VII.
Georgiana Calef,	May 1896	" Prim. I, II, III.
Hattie M. Wilbar,	Sept. 1897	Satucket, I, III, V, VI.
† Margaret A. Gow,	" 1898	Curtisville, I, II, III, IV, VI.
Florence C. Gammons,	" 1899	" " "
* Carrie L. Paine,	Apr. 1898	Eastville, I-VI.
Anna Delaney,	Sept. 1899	" " "
Mabel A. Hatch,	" 1896	Northville, I, III, VI.
Julia Mansfield,	Mar. 1892	Beaver, Int., IV, V, VI, VII.
Clara E. Noyes,	Sept. 1899	" Prim., I, II, III.

* Resigned.

† Transferred to Center Intermediate.



SEVENTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Town Officers
OF
EAST BRIDGEWATER
FOR THE YEAR 1900.



1901
EAST BRIDGEWATER STAR.

Town Officers 1900.

TOWN CLERK,
Frank Smith.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
Henry Gurney, Samuel C. White, Ezra S. Whitmarsh.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,
Frank Smith.

TREASURER,
Jarvis Burrell.

AUDITORS,
Bertrand B. Nutter, Herbert L. Waterman.

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY,
Isaac N. Nutter, William H. Taylor, for three years ; Josephine D. Harris, Rev. Clarence Lathbury, for two years ; Edmund W. Nutter, Mary H. Rust, for one year.

BOARD OF HEALTH,
Guy D. Small, M. D., for three years ; William T. Greene, for two years ; Walter H. Adams, M. D., for one year.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
George M. Churchill, Lura Harden, for three years ; Fannie M. Shaw, Susan B. Dunphe, for two years ; Edward T. Morse, William H. Taylor, for one year.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
Frank O. Jones, succeeded by Robert J. Fuller.

CONSTABLES.
Edward E. Edson, Herbert Edson, William T. Greene, William W. Houghton, Adam R. Humble, George A. Root, Thomas S. H. Rounseville.

FENCE VIEWERS,

Harry H. Leland, Winthrop O. Vinton.

TREE WARDEN,

William T. Greene.

SURVEYOR OF HIGHWAYS,

William T. Greene.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

Jarvis Burrell.

MEASURERS OF WOOD,

Irving Horton, William H. Taylor.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER,

Arthur C. Churchill, Hosea Hathaway, Joshua Dean.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS,

George W. Alger, William Edson, Thomas H. Perkins.

TOWN PHYSICIAN,

Walter H. Adams, M. D.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS,

Arthur G. Waterman, for three years; Fred E. Fuller, for two years; Amos Hunting, for one year; Frank Smith, ex-officio clerk.

FIRE ENGINEERS,

Minot S. Curtis, Loren A. Flagg, Levi A. Baker, T. S. H. Rounseville, Irving Horton.

INSPECTOR OF MEATS AND PROVISIONS,

Stillman W. Ward.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS,

Isaac T. Hatch.

TOWN HALL COMMITTEE,

George F. Lombard, Charles A. Mills, Cornelius L. Vosmos.

POUND KEEPER,

Henry W. Sears.

Appropriations for 1900.

Support of Schools,	\$6,950 00	
Text Books and Supplies,	600 00	
School Incidentals,	300 00	
Minor Repairs,	150 00	
Transportation of Scholars,	500 00	
Superintendent's Salary,	350 00	
Music Teacher,	200 00	
Repairs at Beaver,	100 00	
Insurance,	115 00	
Desks, Center Intermediate,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,465 00
Highways,	2,600 00	
Bridges and Culverts,	500 00	
Sidewalks,	500 00	
Removal of Snow,	400 00	
Street Lighting,	500 00	
	<hr/>	4,500 00

Appropriations--Con.

Support of Poor,	3,000 00	13,965 00
Soldiers' Relief,	500 00	
Military Aid,	150 00	
Memorial Day,	100 00	
Incidental Expenses,	600 00	
Town Officers,	1,300 00	
Police Service and Suppression of Crime,	150 00	
Board of Health,	25 00	
Water Supply,	1,125 00	
Fire Department,	500 00	
Public Library,	500 00	
Public Library, New Catalogues,	100 00	
Care of Old Cemetery,	25 00	
New Hose for Fire Department,	500 00	
Repair of Rogers and Sheldon Bridge,	400 00	
	<hr/>	8,975 00
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		\$22,940 00

List of Proposed Jurors.

Adam, John	Carpenter
Alger, George W.	Coal Dealer
Allen, George W.	Salesman
Barker, DeWitt C.	Farmer
Bennett, Charles E.	Machinist
Benson, Walter L.	Stable-Keeper
Burrell, Jarvis	Printer
Churchill, Luther	Farmer
Collamore, Francis	Carpenter
Curtis, Minot S.	Painter
Duane, William M.	Machinist
Flagg, Loren A.	Grocer
Gurney, David W.	Farmer
Harris, William T.	Carpenter
Hill, Henry G.	Farmer
Keith, Frank O.	Shoemaker
Keith, Herbert C.	Farmer
Keith, Sam A.	Bookkeeper
Lothrop, Waldo P.	Shoemaker

Nutter, Charles L.

Luddy, Thomas E.

Perkins, Thomas H.

Pendergast, James

Pratt, Charles W.

Ransden, Charles R.

Washburn, Orace

Waterman, Charles W.

White, Elbridge W.

White, William H.

Whiting, John M.

Wilbar, Arad

Vosmos, Cornelius L.

Draughtsman

Shoemaker

Foreman

Machinist

Farmer

Bookkeeper

Farmer

Machinist

Tacker

Machinist

Mason

Carpenter

Carpenter

Report of the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

We have drawn Orders during the year in favor of the following persons :—

State Aid.

CHAP. 374, ACTS OF 1899.

Delphine Baker,	\$4 00
Henry W. Bird,	48 00
Andrew G. Blackman,	48 00
Lizzie S. Blackman,	9 00
Sarah L. Blanchard,	40 00
Algernon S. Brett,	36 00
Henry Burns,	48 00
John Carroll,	36 00
Sarah M. Caswell,	48 00
Francis B. Chamberlain,	48 00
Esther Chamberlain,	24 00
Henry Cook,	36 00
Bridget Duane,	36 00
David W. Duane,	48 00
George R. Dyer,	48 00

Helen M. Dyer,	48 00
Hannah S. Dyson,	16 00
Francis R. Flagg,	36 00
Mary J. Fuller,	12 00
Eliza J. Hamilton,	48 00
Rachel Harden,	36 00
Noah T. Harding,	48 00
Edward F. Hassett,	44 00
Jacob P. Hill,	36 00
Rebecca Hineckley,	48 00
Joshua Hollis,	48 00
Augustus M. Howe,	72 00
Julia H. Howe,	48 00
Clarissa K. Howland,	48 00
Alonzo W. Leach,	48 00
Henry A. Osborne,	72 00
Nancy W. Pratt,	48 00
Nathan Reed,	17 00
Henry B. Rogers,	48 00
Ezra F. Sampson,	48 00
Joan Sampson,	48 00
William S. Sampson,	60 00
Lucy F. Smith,	48 00
Hannah R. Stanley,	48 00
Jane A. Sturtevant,	48 00
Betsey A. Thompson,	48 00
Sarah M. Thompson,	40 00
Thankful O. Trow,	24 00
Mariah A. Whitman,	48 00
Joseph M. Whitman,	48 00

Lizzie D. Whitman,	24 00	
Abigail K. Eldredge,	48 00	
Thatcher P. Wright,	40 00	
Selden M. Washburn,	5 20	
	<hr/>	\$2,003 20
Due from State December next,		\$2,003 20

Military Aid.

CHAP. 372, ACTS OF 1899.

John McAvin,	\$120 00	
Ferender C. Negus,	144 00	
	<hr/>	\$264 00
Appropriation,	\$150 00	
Overdrawn,	114 00	
	<hr/>	264 00
Due from State December next,		\$132 00

Soldiers' Relief.

CHAP. 447, ACTS OF 1899.

Mary A. E. Atwood,	\$161 25	
Henry W. Bird,	38 00	
George R. Dyer,	35 90	
E. Felix,	27 00	
Eliza J. Hamilton,	41 26	
Rebecca Hinkley,	36 00	
Abigail Holley,	55 50	
Augustus M. Howe,	17 00	
Edward A. Howard,	5 00	
Lydia A. Magoun,	48 00	
John McAvin,	187 57	
Henry A. Osborne,	29 00	
Ida M. Snooks,	27 87	
Ella F. Wentworth,	96 00	
Joseph M. Whitman,	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$821 35

Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Overdrawn,	321 35	
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Due from Abington,	\$27 87	
Marshfield,	161 25	
Rockland,	55 50	
Whitman,	27 00	
	<hr/>	\$271 62

Burial of Soldier.

CHAP. 395, ACTS OF 1889.

L. Holbrook & Son,	
Burial of Nathan Reed,	\$35 00

Memorial Day.

E. E. Edson, Q. M. Post 124, G. A. R.,	\$100 00
Appropriation,	100 00

Public Library.

I. N. Nutter, Treasurer of Trustees,	\$600 00
Appropriation,	600 00

Water Supply.

Bridgewaters Water Company :		
Hydrant Rental,	\$1,090 00	
Central Street Trough,	19 54	
Plymouth Street Trough, balance,	11 42	
G. M. Webber, repairs Plymouth Street,	6 50	
	—————	\$1,127 46
Appropriation,	\$1,125 00	
Overdrawn,	2 46	
	—————	\$1,127 46

Fire Department.

M. S. Curtis, Treasurer,	\$1,000 00	
	—————	\$1,000 00
Appropriations,		
Fire Department,	\$500 00	
New Hose,	500 00	
	—————	\$1,000 00

Lighting Streets.

A. S. Brett,	\$2 30
L. A. Flagg,	42 12
H. Gurney,	2 00
E. C. Hayward,	13 50
W. W. Houghton,	219 83
A. Hunting,	53 82
W. K. Lyon,	28 00

N. Mondoux,	1 50	
A. R. Parker,	6 00	
H. B. Shaw,	8 00	
C. T. Ward,	18 00	
G. M. Webber,	69 08	
Unexpended,	35 85	
	<hr/>	\$500 00
Appropriation,		500 00

Police Service.

E. E. Edson,	160 00	
W. T. Greene,	6 00	
E. A. Porter,	3 00	
George A. Root,	5 00	
T. S. H. Rounseville,	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$185 10
Appropriation,	\$156 00	
Overdrawn,	35 10	
	<hr/>	\$185 00

Board of Health.

F. A. Quimby,	\$1 50	
J. Burrell, for cards,	1 25	
F. R. Hatch, burying cow,	3 50	
Frank Smith, Agent of Board,	10 00	
Unexpended,	8 75	
	<hr/>	\$25 00
Appropriation,		25 00

Care of Old Cemetery.

John Hobart, fertilizer and labor,	\$21 80	
A. K. Benson, labor,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$25 80
Appropriation,	\$25 00	
Overdrawn,	80	
	<hr/>	\$25 80

Incidental Expenses.

Little, Brown & Co., books,	\$6 15	
L. F. Williams, printing Town Reports,	120 00	
D. W. Gurney, distributing Reports,	\$4 00	
“ “ “ moving bound to Hanson,	2 00	
	<hr/>	6 00
J. Dean, lumber, Rogers house,	10 99	
Percy D. Fuller, labor, Rogers house,	3 00	
East Bridgewater Savings Bank, rent of office,	150 00	
George Hudson, care of office,	12 14	
P. M. Churchill, survey and plan,	7 75	
A. L. Shirley, M. D., return of births, 1899,	4 75	
Tax in Hanson,	24	
Tax in Whitman,	5 91	
J. Burrell, printing, etc.,	\$59 65	
“ “ 1,400 postal cards,	14 00	
“ “ car fares,	2 40	
“ “ postage,	2 56	
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J. Roach, horse hire, Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor,	47 50	

F. Ensher, damage on highway,	45 00
E. E. Edson, enforcing dog law,	4 00
F. M. Shaw, copying,	22 00
B. W. Keith, Agent, premium on insurance,	118 40
E. S. Whitmarsh, Agt., " " "	10 40
C. D. Fullerton, " " " "	8 00
F. E. Fuller & Co., blank books,	1 74
G. M. Webber, padlock,	50
G. F. Lombard, labor on booths,	3 00
E. T. Morse, car fare,	2 40
H. Gurney, cash paid County Treasurer,	\$3 00
" " railroad fares,	7 50
" " postage,	1 50
	<hr/> 12 00
S. C. White, postage,	1 00
" " " distributing Reports,	5 00
" " " railroad fares,	8 75
	<hr/> 14 75
E. S. Whitmarsh, railroad fares,	11 50
" " " horse hire,	1 00
" " " telephone,	1 40
" " " cash paid,	40
	<hr/> 14 30
Alger & Co., express,	1 40
W. S. Prophett, return of deaths,	2 50
C. L. McCann, " " "	1 00
C. M. Hickey, " " "	50
F. S. Howard, " " "	1 00
Howard, Clark & Co., return of deaths,	2 50
L. Holbrook & Son, " " "	5 75

Guy D. Small, M. D., return of births,	2 50	
Frank Smith, express, postage and stationery,	6 50	
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		\$733 10
Appropriation,	\$600 00	
Overdrawn,	133 10	
	<hr/>	\$733 10

Town Officers.

H. L. Waterman, Auditor,		\$15 00
E. E. Edson, posting warrants,	\$42 00	
" " " ballot clerk,	2 50	
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Thos. E. Luddy, services as teller, 1899 and 1900,		5 50
H. H. Thorndike, services as teller and ballot clerk,		4 00
H. C. Bartlett, " " "		3 00
Geo. M. Keith, " " "		3 00
Geo. W. Allen, " " "		3 00
James Roach, " " ballot clerk,		2 50
Amos Hunting, " " " "		2 50
" " " Registrar,		15 00
F. E. Fuller, " " "		15 00
A. G. Waterman, " " "		15 00
S. W. Ward, " " Inspector of Meats,		96 25
I. T. Hatch, " " " " Cattle,		100 00
H. Gurney, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,		315 00

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S. C. White, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	237 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	229 25
W. H. Adams, M. D., services on Board of Health, 1899-1900,	11 00
W. H. Adams, M. D., services as Town Physician,	100 00
Guy D. Small, M. D., " on Board of Health,	5 50
E. T. Morse, services as Treasurer of School Com- mittee,	20 00
J. Burrell, services as Treasurer,	150 00
T. S. H. Rounseville, services as Election Officer,	2 50
Frank Smith, services as Town Clerk,	92 10
" " " " Registrar,	25 00
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	\$1,511 61
Appropriation,	\$1,300 00
Overdrawn,	211 61
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	\$1,511 61

Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.

William T. Greene, Superintendent of Streets,	\$4,995 63
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Removal of Snow.

William T. Greene, Superintendent of Streets.	\$120 44
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Trust Funds.

LATHAM FUND.

Amount of Fund,	\$500 00
Interest Available,	18 58
Paid M. Feeney, trimming hedge,	\$5 00
Bridgewater Water Co., Satucket	
Trough,	13 58
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	\$18 58

ALDEN FUND.

Amount of Fund, Jan. 1, 1900,	\$2,750 00
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During the past year we have sold from the lot standing wood to the amount of \$716 00, and with the amount due from last year, \$450 00, have deposited the same in the Savings Banks.

The amount now on deposit, to the credit of the Fund, is 3,916 00

We have paid from accrued interest \$104 28, leaving a balance unexpended of \$197 00.

CROSSMAN AND WHITMAN FUND.

Amount of Fund,	\$2,000 00
Interest for the Year,	75 69
Paid J. S. Lane & Son, crushed stone,	\$51 65
Superintendent of Streets, balance,	24 04
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	75 69

As last year, more money was expended than paid to the Superintendent.

JOHNSON FUND.

Amount of Fund,	\$1,500 00
The interest from which was drawn by Treasurer and paid to Trustees of the Public Library.	

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT FUND.

Amount now on Deposit,	\$199 12
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ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Real Estate Taxed,	\$1,264,545 00	
Personal Estate Taxed,	228,521 00	
Polls Taxed,	874	
Tax on Polls, State, } \$1 each, \$2 00 County, }		
Rate of Taxation, \$15 per \$1,000.		
Town Grants,	\$22,940 00	
State Tax,	885 00	
County Tax,	1,981 80	
		25,806 80
Tax on Polls,	1,748 00	
Estimate from State,	2,500 00	
		4,248 00
Tax on Property,	21,558 80	
Tax on Polls,	1,748 00	
Overlay,	837 93	
		24,144 73

Tax on Real Estate,	18,970 05	
Tax on Personal Estate,	3,428 63	
Tax on 874 Polls,	1,748 00	
	<hr/>	24,146 68
Gain by fractions,	1.95	
Subsequently assessed 5 Polls,		10 00
Total Commitment,		24,156 68
No. of Houses taxed,	674	
No. of Acres of Land taxed,	10,133	
Value of Buildinge, excluding Land,		862,670 00
“ “ Land, excluding Buildings,		401,875 00
No. of exemptions granted,	45	
On Buildings, excluding Land,		16,650 00
On Land, excluding Buildings,		5,600 00
Amount exempted,		22,250 00
No. of Horses taxed,	417	
No. of Cows taxed,	567	
No. of other Neat Stock taxed,	83	
No. of Swine taxed,	76	
No. of Fowls taxed,	2,035	
No. of resident individuals taxed on property,	691	
No. of residents other than individ- uals taxed on property,	87	
No. of non-resident individuals taxed on property,	831	
No. of non-residents other than indi- viduals taxed on property,	33	
No. on poll only,	313	
Total number taxed,	1,956	

Street Railway Excise Tax.

Brockton and E. Bridgewater Street R. R.,	\$25 11
Brockton Street R. R.,	115 98
South Shore and Boston Street R. R.	143 37
	<hr/> \$284 46

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Almshouse Account.

Amos Hunting, groceries,	\$417 35
Joshua Dean, grain,	560 81
“ “ coal,	120 51
E. N. Ward, meat,	198 57
H. W. Sears, warden,	350 00
J. Beard, Jr., labor,	162 20
N. Bernard, “	40 00
J. Bernard, “	24 80
J. Cunningham, labor,	27 00
D. H. Scott, “	21 20
F. H. Hatch, butchering,	7 35
M. Roach, pumping cesspool,	16 00
J. W. Sturtevant, blacksmithing,	44 35
J. M. Whiting, masonry,	3 50
F. E. Fuller & Co., supplies,	49 10
Geo. M. Webber, “ and labor,	99 48
M. S. Curtis, paint,	5 17

H. E. Marble, ice,	34 81
F. B. Rollins, butter and cheese,	12 51
E. S. Whitmarsh, clothing,	22 35
P. A. Hemminson, pigs,	22 00
Greene & Gurney, bull,	17 00
L. Holbrook & Son, burial George W. Osborne,	15 00
Other expense, " " " " " "	6 00
	<hr/> 21 00
L. Holbrook & Son, burial Alfred E. Eburn,	19 00
Ex. at hospital, and burial Alfred E. Eburn,	40 00
	<hr/> 59 00
Frank Smith, medicine,	6 85
	<hr/> \$2,342 91

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By board Mrs. Bates and child,	\$273 89
Cash paid Treasurer,	201 00
	<hr/> 474 89
Net expense,	<hr/> \$1,868 02

Warden's Account.

DR.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1900,	\$ 6 25
Received for pork,	51 86
" " beef,	19 95
" " calves,	10 50
" " bull,	15 00

"	"	wood,	2	00	
"	"	hay,	6	00	
"	"	milk,	249	48	
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Paid for bread,	\$ 8 10
fruit and vegetables,	14 72
fish,	11 35
clothing,	2 30
butter,	72
paper,	6 05
tools and supplies,	17 75
labor,	59 17
Treasurer,	201 00
Mrs. Bates' clothing,	26 89
Cash on hand,	12 99
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	\$361 04

Present Inmates of Almshouse.

ADMITTED.

Sybil P. Dunbar, 68,	1879
Rebecca Cummings, 86,	July 1, 1884
Philetta Washburn, 68,	May 7, 1890
Jotham Pratt, 80,	Jan. 5, 1894
Michael Winn, --	June 1, 1894
Elizabeth Bates, 28,	July 12, 1896
Lizzie W. Bates, 4,	Oct. 29, 1896

William N. Jenkins, 68,	Sept. 5, 1897
John Cummings, 85,	Dec. 2, 1897
Mary J. Barrows, 28,	Jan. 22, 1899
Alfred E. Eburn died Feb. 21st.	
George W. Osborne died April 17th.	

Outside Aid.

City of Brockton,	\$27 97	
George N. Holmes & Co.,	8 30	
	<hr/>	\$36 27
Aid to Mrs. Annie M. Bunker.		
Antonette Pare,	10 00	
W. S. Prophet, burial,	15 00	
	<hr/>	25 00
Aid to Delia Carlos.		
Ann Fay, rent,	12 00	
Mrs. Kennedy, rent,	15 00	
Delia Magner, care,	30 00	
Gillespie Bros., fuel,	3 00	
W. P. Gilmore,	136 91	
C. L. McCann, burial,	15 00	
	<hr/>	211 91
Aid to P. H. Crowley and family.		
C. W. Brown,	1 78	
E. Augusta Freeman,	10 00	
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Aid to Mrs. Delano.		

Susan E. Dunbar, aid to self,		72 00
Eliza A. Wade,	16 00	
F. E. Fuller & Co.,	50	
	<hr/>	16 50
Aid to Sadie Eburn.		
H. W. Adams, M. D.,		1 00
Aid to C. E. Fisher.		
A. Hunting,		2 00
Aid to Nathan Ginsburg.		
Geo. M. Webber,	10 00	
John Hobart,	23 51	
	<hr/>	33 51
Aid to Charlotte Harden.		
S. R. McKenzie,	3 00	
L. Holbrook & Son,	15 00	
	<hr/>	18 00
Burial Wm. W. Hersey.		
George W. Merrill, aid to self,		61 00
A. Hunting,		67 15
Aid to F. W. Peck.		
Minnie W. Porter, aid to self		64 00
Town of Whitman,	2 50	
B. E. Stanley,	60 00	
Town of Abington,	66 00	
	<hr/>	128 50
Aid to H. L. Ramsdell.		

E. S. Whitmarsh,	1 25	
A. Hunting,	2 00	
B. Curran,	3 00	
J. Hobart,	3 75	
	<hr/>	10 00

Aid to Mrs. James Reardon.

G. W. Folsom,	7 50	
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Aid to Mrs. Reardon, Water street.

Julia A. Reed, aid to self,	104 00	
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John Burgess,	7 50	
John Hobart,	7 50	
D. W. Gurney,	19 50	
	<hr/>	34 50

Aid to Mrs. O. Sprague.

W. P. Gilmore,	80 00	
G. N. Holmes & Co.,	4 15	
E. S. Whitmarsh,	8 05	
	<hr/>	92 00

Aid to Mary Stoddard.

F. O. Keith,	104 74	
W. H. Adams, M. D.,	3 00	
	<hr/>	107 74

Aid to White children.

Sarah J. Mowry,	78 00	
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Aid to Laura Washburn.

\$1,182 56

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Paid by Easton,	\$ 67 15	
“ “ Hingham,	107 74	
“ “ West Bridgewater,	73 00	
	<hr/>	247 89
Net expense outside,		<hr/> \$934 67

Insane.

Worcester Insane Asylum,		
Support of Ellen A. Edson,	\$169 45	
“ “ Catharine Rogers,	169 48	
	<hr/>	\$338 93
Medfield Insane Asylum,		
Support of Robert Washburn,		\$146 00
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,		
Support of Andrew Clark,	\$42 71	
“ “ Herbert T. Harden,	41 79	
	<hr/>	\$84 50
		<hr/> \$569 43
Due from A. Clark,		42 71
		<hr/> \$526 72

Tramp House.

D. W. Gurney, wood,	\$6 75	
G. M. Webber, sundries,	47	
T. S. H. Rounseville, care 1,087 tramps,	275 51	
	<hr/>	\$282 73

Net Expense.

Alms-house,	\$1,868 02	
Outside Aid,	934 67	
Insane,	526 72	
Tramps,	282 73	
	<hr/>	\$3,612 14
Appropriation,	\$3,000 00	
Overdrawn,	612 14	
	<hr/>	\$3,612 14

Summary.

State Aid,	\$ 2,003 20
Military Aid,	264 00
Burial of Soldier,	35 00
Soldiers' Relief,	821 35
Memorial Day,	100 00
Alms-house,	2,342 91
Outside Aid,	1,182 56

Support of Insane,	569 43
Tramp House,	282 73
Removal of Snow,	120 44
Highways, Bridges, etc.,	4,995 63
Street Lighting,	464 15
Police Duty,	185 10
Town Officers,	1,511 60
Water Supply,	1,127 46
Public Library,	600 00
Fire Department,	1,000 00
Board of Health,	15 00
Care of Old Cemetery,	25 85
Collection and Abatement of Taxes,	347 90
Incidental Expenses,	733 18
	————— \$18,726 49

Liabilities and Assets.

LIABILITIES.

Borrowed in anticipation of taxes of 1900,	\$3,000
“ for repairs of High Schoolhouse,	
Payable Oct. 2, 1901,	1,000
“ Oct. 2, 1902,	1,000
“ Oct. 2, 1903,	1,000
	————— \$6,000 00

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury,	\$3,279 88	
Uncollected Taxes,	2,296 88	
	—————	\$5,576 76

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY GURNEY,

SAMUEL C. WHITE,

E. S. WHITMARSH,

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN MEETING.

Articles to be acted upon at the Annual Town Meeting, to be held on Monday, March 4, 1901 :—

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the reports of town officers and committees.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate all sums of money necessary to pay all town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To adopt some method for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To vote upon the question, "Shall Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors be Granted in this Town." Yes or No.

ART. 8. To act upon a list of jurors as proposed by the Selectmen.

ART. 9. To determine the manner of repairing the highways the ensuing year.

ART. 10. To see if the town will raise a sum of money for the care of the Old Cemetery.

Report of Inspector of Cattle and Barns.

I have completed my general inspection, and found 736 cows, 401 swine, 13 bulls, and 188 barns. The general condition of the cattle was very good. Some of the barns were in poor condition, and cold.

I. T. HATCH,
Cattle Inspector.

Report of Inspector of Meats.

During the last year I have inspected one hundred and sixty-four (164) swine and one hundred and forty-three (143) calves, all of which I found in a healthy condition.

I have also inspected two bulls and two cows. One of the cows, which I found badly diseased with tuberculosis, I condemned and ordered buried.

S. W. WARD,
Inspector of Meats.

Fire Engineers' Report for 1900.

Cash paid each Company,	\$50 00	
	<hr/>	\$100 00
Joshua Dean,		26 15
Repairs on Hose Houses,		69 06
L. A. Flagg, hand pumps,		19 75
Dr. Fields fire,		6 50

John Alexander fire,	47 40
Geo. Skillings fire,	8 00
Woods fire,	89 50
W. L. Benson,	5 00
James Roach,	46 50
John Burgess,	2 00
Sabin Scribner,	28 10
T. S. H. Rounseville,	38 20
L. A. Flagg, oil, etc.,	24 27
Boston Woven Hose Co.,	501 02
F. C. Drake,	1 58
Irving Horton,	3 00
M. S. Curtis,	8 25
Incidentals,	6 00
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	\$1,030 28

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00
On hand Jan. 1, 1900,	1 25
Received for sale of Old Hose,	29 03
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	\$1,030 28

The Engineers have reported four fires to the State Fire Marshal; and have been called to four house fires and three woods fires.

The Companies are in good condition, and have been out on regular practice each month from April to November.

M. S. CURTIS, Clerk.

Report of the Superintendent of Streets.

E. E. Averill, gravel, 1899,	4	75	
Samuel Keith, " "	25	00	
H. C. Keith, posts,	7	20	
L. A. Flagg, tools,	10	05	
G. M. Webber, tools and supplies,	104	23	
F. O. Keith, lanterns, etc.,	3	06	
Carver Cotton Gin Co.,	5	99	
Good Roads Machine Co.,	9	25	
Minot Curtis, paint, etc.,	8	35	
Blacksmithing,	25	25	
Joshua Dean, lumber, etc.,	412	00	
			\$615 13
Labor on Bridges,			205 50
Seraping Roads and Cleaning Gutters,	519	75	
Cutting Bushes,	259	87	
Picking Stones,	52	88	
			832 50
Gravel bought, 2,057 two-horse loads,			
" " 786 one " "			
			154 86
" of town, 475 two " "			
" " " 617 one " "			
			3,935 loads.
Of this 3,269 loads on highways and 666 loads			
on sidewalks, at a cost of			3,187 64

INVENTORY OF TOOLS, STREET DEPARTMENT.

3 iron bars, 9 picks, 5 stone pickers, 11 snow shovels, 6 stone hammers, 15 shovels, 8 iron rakes, 3 hoes, 8 scythes and snaths,

5 grass hooks, 2 wooden rakes, 2 pruners, 3 mattocks, 3 long-handle forks, 1 maul, 13 snow plows, 1 road scraper, 1 roller, 4 screens, 13 cedar posts, 50 feet 6-inch drain pipe, 44 feet of 12-inch drain pipe.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Highways,	\$2,600 00	
Bridges,	500 00	
Sidewalks,	500 00	
Removal of Snow,	400 00	
Union Street Bridge,	400 00	
Street Railway Tax,	955 23	
	<hr/>	\$5,355 23
Highways, etc.,	4,995 63	
Removal of Snow,	120 44	
Unexpended,	239 16	
	<hr/>	\$5,355 23

The Bridge upon Union street, upon closer examination, it was thought best to secure by bracing it with timbers, rather than make any change in the stone work, as it was thought it would last as long as the covering of the bridge, and the cost would be less. It was thoroughly braced, and is now in a safe condition.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. GREENE, Supt.

Report of School Building Committee.

TO THE CITIZENS OF EAST BRIDGEWATER :

Your Committee, appointed at the town meeting of 1900, to repair the High School Building, and build a new three-room School House, have to report as follows :—

The High School Building has been thoroughly repaired. The former Intermediate room has been altered to accommodate the 7th grade. The foundation walls have been repaired where necessary ; the walls and ceilings repaired or replastered, as was needed ; and the floorings, doors and windows have been put in good condition. The building has been painted inside and out, and slate blackboards put in in all the rooms. In making these changes it became necessary to purchase additional desks for the 7th grade room.

The furnace heating system, which had been found inadequate, has been replaced by a system of direct and indirect steam heating. This has thus far proved equal to all demands made upon it.

Our expenses on the High School Building were as follows :—

Enterprise Publishing Co., adv. for bids,	\$ 3 00
Brockton Times, adv. for bids,	4 41
C. L. Mitchell, first payment,	480 00
“ “ “ second “	480 00
Baker Bros. Co., order from Mitchell,	81 00
M. S. Curtis, “ “ “	218 39
C. L. Mitchell, balance of third payment,	540 61
	<hr/> 840 00
Churchill & Washburn, heating,	1,115 00
Chandler Adjustable Desk and Seat Co.,	69 00
W. H. Taylor, cartage and freight bill,	2 00

Jarvis Burrill, printing orders,	75
M. S. Curtis, painting,	3 50
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	\$2,997 66
Appropriation,	\$3,000 00
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Unexpended,	\$2 34

We procured plans and specifications and invited bids, anticipating the speedy construction of a schoolhouse on the Common lot, and, having obtained a plan that was satisfactory, accepted it. We, however, accepted no bid and made no contract for the building, as the title to the land had not been secured by the town. The subsequent action of the town suspended building operations, but there is due the architect whose plan was accepted the sum of \$125 for the plan. We had no appropriation out of which we could pay this sum, and yet it is fairly due from the town and should be paid.

ROBERT O. HARRIS,
 FRED E. FULLER,
 WM. H. TAYLOR,
 GEO. M. CHURCHILL,

Report of Trustees of the Public Library.

The town, at its annal meeting in March, 1900, re-elected Hon. I. N. Nutter and William H. Taylor to serve as Trustees for three years. The terms of Edmund W. Nutter and Miss Mary H. Rust expire in 1901, and of Rev. Clarence Lathbury and Mrs. R. O. Harris in 1902.

Organization of the Board is as follows: Chairman, William H. Taylor; Secretary and Treasurer, I. N. Nutter.

The Library has continued during the year under the able management of Miss Lucy L. Siddall, who, by becoming a member of the Massachusetts Library Club, and attending its meetings, has been able to increase the efficiency of her work.

The appropriation made by the town for the purpose has enabled the Trustees to place in the hands of its citizens a complete catalogue of all books added since May, 1895. This is a great convenience to the patrons of the Library.

The Trustees take great pleasure in announcing the receipt from the executors of the estate of the late John W. Kennan, of Brookline, the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars. Mr. Kennan, for many years a resident of East Bridgewater, gave and bequeathed to the Trustees of its Public Library five hundred dollars in money, to be held in trust, and the income only used for the general purposes of said Library. The executors retained ten per cent. of said bequest (\$50), as United States internal revenue tax, but, by a decision of the United States Courts rendered since the payment, it is hoped this amount paid as tax may be recovered by the Trustees.

The Trustees deposited, on March 31, 1900, the sum received (\$450) in the East Bridgewater Savings Bank.

In addition to much time and labor expended by the Librarian in mending the books, the Trustees are obliged each year to spend quite a sum of money for rebinding and repairing. Some of this, of course, is unavoidable. Books in constant use will wear out; nevertheless, we believe that if all card holders would exercise diligent care in the use and handling of the books this expense would be reduced very perceptibly. After paying all necessary expenses for the maintenance of the Library, the amount of money left for the purchase of new books is very small, hence the greater necessity of care to keep those that are bought neat and whole.

The State laws upon this point are very strict and provide a severe penalty for wilfully or needlessly injuring or defacing a public library book. It seems necessary, when the books are returned to the Library, that they should be retained at least one day, in order that they be examined and properly cared for.

Loud talking and other disorderly conduct in the Library have at times been a source of great annoyance to the Librarian and to the readers. The Trustees have paid special attention to this during the past year, until now we feel confident that all who wish may enjoy the benefits of the pleasant and commodious reading room without fear of disturbance.

All teachers of the public schools above the primary grades have the privilege of taking five books connected with school work at one time. These can be kept for three weeks, unless required in circulation. All other persons can take out two books, only one being fiction. The latest publications may be found in the free-access bookcase.

There is a constant demand from the schools for more books upon the subjects taught. Such a demand, showing so clearly the value of a public library, and the increasing interest of the young people; should not be disregarded.

Though, during the year, there has been a decrease in circulation, the quality of the books read has greatly improved. This is due, in part, to their greater use in the schools, whose needs should be constantly kept in view, and whose aid in advancing the interest in good literature, and thereby promoting good citizenship, is earnestly desired.

Greatly to the regret and discomfiture of the Trustees, sometime between Wednesday, Dec. 19th, and Saturday morning, Dec. 22d, the Library was entered, and about fifteen dollars, in fine money, and other small sums, contributed for various purposes, was stolen.

The bookcase in the reading room, formerly belonging to Dr. S. A. Orr, was presented by Mrs. B. K. Bliss.

Relics and curiosities have been promised when a place can be provided for their preservation.

The following pictures of former residents of the town have been presented to the Library :—

Of Rev. J. K. Aldrich, by Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Shaw, of Plymouth.

Of Mr. George McLauthlin, by Miss Hattie Richards.

Of Rev. Baalis Sanford and Rev. N. Broughton, by Miss Eudora Sanford.

Number of books purchased during the year, 62; among them the Statesmen, Year Book, and Annual Encyclopedia. Number received from State of Massachusetts, 14, including two more

volumes of "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War," making seven of these books now in the Library. These are alphabetically arranged, complete to H. I. X.

The following persons have presented books: Mrs. B. K. Bliss, 100 volumes, mostly old publications, including several rare copies; Dr. J. J. Shaw, of Plymouth, "History of Plymouth County"; Mr. A. C. Packard, valuable work on Pompeii; F. D. Millet, his work on the Philippines; Wm. B. Hall, Monthly Anthology, Pub. 1807; W. H. Osborne, 113 volumes (not yet catalogued), including many Regimental Histories, especially interesting to G. A. R. readers; also a volume of "Spark's American Biography," from the library of Jefferson Davis; Mrs. A. W. Crossman, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Eleazer Whitman, Mr. Geo. Sites, Mrs. J. O. Vinton, Miss Gorton, Miss Mary H. Rust, and Mrs. Geo. M. Webber.

For the reading room, Mr. E. W. Nutter has given several numbers of the "Review of Reviews" and "Public Opinion"; Miss Gorton, "The American Kitchen Magazine" for 1899; Mr. A. T. Bigelow, the "Illustrated London News."

The following magazines and papers have been regularly on the tables in the reading room: Atlantic, Cassier's, Catholic World (gift of Rev. D. H. Riley), Century, Cosmopolitan (gift of Warren S. Shaw), Christian Register (gift of Woman's Alliance of Unitarian Church), Harper's Monthly, Harper's Weekly, Munsey, New England Homestead, Our Dumb Animals (last three gift of I. N. Nutter), St. Nicholas, The Working Boy (contributed), Every Other Sunday (contributed), Youth's Companion (gift of Miss E. C. Harris), Zion's Herald (gift of Methodist Society).

Cards issued during the year,	92
Circulation " " "	11,747
Library open " " " days,	148
Average circulation, very nearly,	80
Largest number, March 10,	175
Smallest " July 11,	31

Fiction,	.52+	Juvenile Fitiction,	.22+
History,	.04+	Magazines,	.06+
Travel,	.02+	Literature,	.02+
Biography,	.02+	Natural Science,	.02+
Fine Arts, Social Science and Theology,	.01+		

There have been 46 French books read.

I. N. NUTTER,
EDMUND W. NUTTER,
CLARENCE LATHBURY,
MARY H. RUST,
JOSIE B. HARRIS,
WILLIAM H. TAYLOR.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Treasurer's Report.

Dr.

Feb. 1, 1900, Cash on hand,	\$ 4 22	
Town Treasurer, annual appropriation,	500 00	
“ “ appropriation for Catalogues,	100 00	
Mrs. R. O. Harris, proceeds of entertainment at Town Hall,	50 56	
Wm. A. Rust and Alfred O. Smith, executors of will of John W. Kennan,	450 00	
Town Treasurer, income of Johnson fund,	55 49	
East Bridgewater Savings Bank, income from Kennan fund,	11 85	
Lucy L. Siddall, Librarian, fines collected,	19 66	
		<hr/> \$1,191 78

Cr.

W. B. Clark & Co., books,	\$ 51 98
Arthur Leland,	3 00
-D. Appleton & Co., annual cyclopedia,	6 00
Damrell & Upham, books,	4 50
E. W. Nutter, magazines,	19 56
E. W. Gorhan, “	5 35
F. J. Barnard, binding books,	21 38

Lucy L. Siddall, compiling catalogue,	20 00
L. F. Williams, printing catalogue,	100 00
Lucy L. Siddall, librarian,	200 00
George Hudson, janitor,	60 00
Lucy L. Siddall, care of rooms,	24 00
Joshua Dean, coal,	100 75
Alger & Co., express,	4 00
J. Burrell, printing and supplies,	10 00
Library Bureau, supplies,	1 50
A. W. Hastings, inside blinds,	11 25
E. O. Noyes, hinges and screws,	1 60
William T. Harris, hanging blinds,	5 00
Carver Cotton Gin Co.,	60
M. S. Curtis, painting blinds,	7 00
George M. Webber, plumbing, repairs, etc.,	52 94
F. C. Nutter, insurance,	9 00
Irving Horton, ivy plants,	2 00
L. N. Nutter, lamp chimneys,	50
Lucy L. Siddall, postage and box rent,	1 73
supplies and repairs of lawn	
mower,	3 02
John Burgess, wood,	2 00
A. Hunting, oil and chimneys,	3 26
Mrs. Carr, cleaning library,	2 05
L. E. Cote and Maud Blake, assisting Librarian,	7 60
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	\$741 57
East Bridgewater Savings Bank, deposit,	450 00
Jan. 23, 1901, cash on hand,	21
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	\$1,191 78

L. N. NUTTER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

Births===1900.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Jan. 18	Doris Mabel Jenkins,	Zenas and Lota M.
Feb. 7	Mabel Alice Hemmingson,	Peter and Mabel L.
" 19	Mary Helen Mondeau,	Narcisse and Adeline,
" 23	Flora Marie Crocker,	Joseph C. and Eliza J.
Mar. 2	Leon Goucas,	Alfred and Angeline.
" 5	Seward Leroy Hayward,	Elmer C. and Lucy A.
" 7	Chaplin,	Arthur and Ida M.
" 13	Guy Derling Gardner,	——— Lena Gardner.
" 17	Ebba Selin Paulson,	Sven and Hilda M.
" 25	Richard Franklin Bartlett,	Harry C. and E. Isabelle.
" 29	Le Roy Francis Benton,	Willard F. and Faustina E.
April 2	Dahill,	Cornelius and Mary.
" 30	John Martin Kaveny,	John and Nora.
May 7	Grace Mildred Andrews,	Lloyd H. and Mary J.
" 11	Edward Francis Roach,	Michael F. and Nellie A.
" 12	Bouchard,	Joseph and Azalie.
" 17	Hattie Bertha Viele,	Warner and Tena E.
June 9	Dorothy Eunice Freeman,	James and E. Augusta.
" 21	Bessie King,	Daniel and Norah.
July 4	Austin Turner Reed,	Edmund L. and Florence M.
" 4	Harold Broderick Waterman,	Charles W. and Martha R.
" 12	Alice May Emma Gardner,	Gilbert and Emma.
" 26	Walter Williams Bernier,	Fred and Denise.
" 29	Charles Mellor,	Joseph and Mary F.
" 29	Sandridge,	George W. and Annie L.
Aug. 1	Evelyn Jarvis,	John B. and Mary E.
" 13	William Joseph Foley,	William and Maria.
" 14	Charles Harold Holmes,	Charles H. and Clara.
" 15	Elbert Eldon Steele,	Ernest and Jennie E.
Sept. 4	Robert Foster Fisher,	Albert A. K. and Daisy L.
" 12	Beatrice Fournier,	Joseph T. and Amelia E.
" 18	Gladys May Hennessey,	Michael, Jr. and Mary F.
" 20	George Raymond Murphy,	Edward S. and Nellie G.
" 21	Lawrence Duane,	William M. and Mary F.
" 26	James Richard Curley,	Patrick N. and Ellen.
" 29	Celinda Marguerite Pearce,	John and Isabel M.

BIRTHS, 1900.—Continued.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Oct. 10	Olive Martelle Dulphe,	George W. and Alice G.
" 18	Lawrence Augustine Dyson,	William A. and Nettie L.
" 19	Ralph Bartlett Andrews,	Stephen F. and Alice A.
Nov. 12	John Joseph Cook,	James A. and Walburga.
" 15	Louise Perry,	Jesse and Francesca F.
" 23	Emma Grace King,	Meda and Albina.
" 25	Fred Thomas Stetson,	Asa W. and Ada L.
Dec. 8	Catherine Kenneally,	Edward and Mary A.
" 18	Ruth Evelyn Cole,	Arthur H. and Alice A.
" 19	Forcier,	Joseph and Eugenia.
1899.		
Aug. 19	Hester Hall Copeland,	Richard H. and Ethel J.

Whole Number of Births in 1900, 46.

FRANK SMITH, Town Clerk.

Marriages Recorded in 1900.

DATE OF MARRIAGE.	NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE, AND RESIDENCE.
Jan. 8.	Thomas F. McCarthy and Delia M. Paul, both of Whitman. By Rev. N. B. Cook.
13.	Chester H. Wadsworth, of West Bridgewater, and Inez M. Shattuck, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Granville Yager.
31.	Gilbert E. Gardner and Emma F. Bouldry, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. N. B. Cook.
Feb. 4.	James Roach and Catherine A. Luddy, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelley.
4.	Manuel P. Davila and Maria B. Brown, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelley.
14.	Herbert E. Wood and Georgie W. Carr, both of Halifax. By Rev. N. B. Cook.
14.	George C. Ogden, of Brockton, and Adah E. W. Clark, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. G. S. Wheeler.
17.	Charles F. Coombs and E. Annie Cook, both of Brockton. By Rev. N. B. Cook.
Mar. 3.	Edmund L. Reed and Florence M. Turner, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Edwin Bromley.
April 25.	Walter H. Fisher and Julia A. Hall, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Samuel Knowles.
May 16.	Charles A. Boden, of East Bridgewater, and Maretta F. Arnold, of Hanover. By Rev. G. E. Brightman.
June 20.	Arthur E. Cutler, of Somerville, and Mabel Hathaway, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Alfred Manchester.

20. Michael Fitzgerald and Margaret A. Hennessey, both of
East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelley.
21. Alfred P. Grindle, of Brockton, and Grace L. Andrews,
of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Clarence Lathbury.
27. Frederic Micheux and Margaret Murphy, both of East
Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelley.
28. Ernest W. Mitchell, of East Bridgewater, and Effye C.
Beecher, of Boston. By Rev. L. F. Beecher.
- July 18. Alfred B. Parker and Wilhemina J. Clark, both of East
Bridgewater. By Rev. Clarence Lathbury.
- Aug. 18. Joseph C. Burdeau, of East Bridgewater, and Etta M.
Vickery, of Middleboro. By Rev. E. C. Butler.
- Sept. 2. Dorestes M. Pratt, of East Bridgewater, and Lillie M.
Whitcomb, of Middleboro.
By Rev. E. E. Williams.
11. Walter B. Southgate, of Dedham, and Isabelle O.
Nutter, of East Bridgewater.
By Rev. George G. Phipps.
19. Frank A. Curtis and Grace R. Alden, both of East
Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
20. George E. Wolschendorf, of Brockton, and Alice M.
Orcutt, of Rockland. By Rev. John Pearce.
- Oct. 4. William F. Jeffers, of Brockton, and Nellie M. Camp-
bell, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelley.
17. Pearl L. Rolerson, of Brockton, and Josie P. Thompson,
of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
22. Frank W. Bunker and Lucy A. Makepeace, both of East
Bridgewater. By Rev. John Pearce.

26. James A. Parker and Harriet S. Mowry, both of Rockland. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
30. Preston G. Barker and Louise B. Meservey, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Nov. 19. Wilfred A. Jones, of East Bridgewater, and Alice D. Scott, of Bridgewater. By Rev. N. C. Alger.
- Wallace D. Knapp and Martha A. Waite, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Dec. 8. Horatio N. Allen and Sarah E. Johnson, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Matthias Kaufman.
9. Job E. Sisson, of East Bridgewater, and Huldah J. Allen, of Brockton. By Rev. A. W. Archibald.
24. Albert L. Slater, of East Bridgewater, and Minnie W. Barney, of Bridgewater. By Rev. W. L. Smith.

Thirty-two marriages have been recorded during the year.

FRANK SMITH, Town Clerk.

Deaths Recorded in 1900.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	
Jan. 4	George L. Loring,	54	2	20	Heart Disease.
" 8	Fred Austin Latham,	22	9	14	Pneumonia.
" 14	William M. Judkins,	73	5	16	Pneumonia.
" 16	Elenor A. Thompson,	56		21	Carcinoma Uteri.
" 19	Michael Feeney,	85			Apoplexy.
" 20	Walter G. Smellie,	57	4	28	Congestion of the Brain.
" 27	Mary J. Edson,	69	9	20	Cancer of the Liver.
Feb. 2	Catherine M. Grant,	71		19	Angina Pectoris.
" 6	Laura D. Sisson,	13	11	6	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
" 8	Selden M. Washburn,	63	6	5	Fibroid Phthisis.
" 21	Alfred E. Eburn,	42	7	4	Pleurisy.
" 22	Elizabeth M. Allen,	81	7	21	Nephritis.
Mar. 2	Sarah E. Bouldry,	29	7		Chronic Gastritis.
" 4	Nathan Barrows,	70		12	Paresis.
" 4	Huldah A. Bates,	65	9	14	Cirrhosis of the Liver.
" 7	Elizabeth S. Blackman,	71	6		Dropsy and Heart Disease.
" 12	Ella F. Fisher,			16	Mal Nutrition.
" 12	Henry Hobart,	76	1	16	Mitral Disease of Heart.
" 14	Henry Allen,	72	1	9	Apoplexy.
" 18	William W. Hersey,	65	1	16	Pneumonia.
" 20	Bethia O. Harlow,	78	7	2	Softening of the Brain.
" 25	Nathan Reed,	76			Heart Disease.
" 30	Sophia Harlow,	90		22	Apoplexy.
Apr. 4	Mary Clarity,	62			Pneumonia.
" 6	Nelson E. Hollace,	63	4	7	Pneumonia.
" 11	Elizabeth Soule,	87		6	La Grippe.
" 13	Susan F. Beals,	82	1	24	La Grippe.
" 17	Helen A. Harding,	59			Pneumonia.
" 17	George W. Osborne,	42			La Grippe.
" 29	Lida M. Wright,	31	6	3	Gastric Fever.
May 4	Adelia L. Kinney,	42			Dermatitis Multiforme.
" 6	James Timmons,	49	8	21	Pneumonia.
" 9	William J. Mitchell,	55	4	9	Tumor of Brain.
" 11	Joseph E. Carver,	76	3	17	Suicide.
" 16	Charles W. Morse,		11	19	Meningitis.
" 21	Edward E. Bailey,	37		1	Pneumonia.
June 1	Samuel Keith,	70		19	La Grippe.
" 3	Abbie W. Ford,	66	9	22	Pernicious Anæmia.
" 25	Margaret P. Dorey,	42	4		Interstitial Nephritis.
" 29	Harold B. Andrews,	2	11		Toxæmia.
" 30	Henry M. Atkinson,	15	6	23	Cerebral Hemorrhage.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	
July 7	Eunice R. Reed,	80	11	7	Erysipelas.
" 12	Abby Hathaway,	84	4	13	Organic Heart Disease.
" 13	James G. Knapp,	75	10	13	Heart Disease.
" 13	Harriet J. Worcester,	57	6	22	Septicæmia.
" 29	Edwin F. Stetson,	24	2	24	Hæmoptysis.
" 29	— Sandridge,	—	—	—	Still Born.
" 31	John C. Hayward,	85	4	8	Passive Cerebral Hyperemia.
Sept. 8	Owen Maguire,	64	4	—	Heart Disease.
" 12	Elizabeth A. Knapp,	72	11	8	Hemiplegia.
" 13	Robert F. Fisher,	—	—	10	Blue Disease.
Oct. 8	Nellie Gaucher,	8	3	23	Acute Rheumatism.
" 25	Maria H. Lane,	78	10	4	Apoplexy.
Nov. 2	Arthur H. Loring,	62	5	18	Arterio Sclerosis.
Dec. 5	Abbie A. Harris,	73	9	23	Catarrh of the Bowels.
" 9	Catherine Tillson,	88	6	1	Concussion of the Brain.
" 19	Angelica H. Latham,	86	3	7	Cancer of the Face.
" 29	Catherine E. Lyons,	32	7	1	Tuberculosis of the Bowels.
" 31	Daniel T. Blanchard,	77	—	20	Bronchitis.
Mar. 7	— Chaplin,	—	—	—	Still Born.
Apr. 2	— Dahill,	—	—	—	Asphyxia.

Number of deaths recorded id 1900, 61.

FRANK SMITH, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

FRANK SMITH, COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF
EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1898.	Dr.		
To amount uncollected,		\$360 46	
" " interest collected,		2 65	
		<hr/>	\$363 11

	Cr.		
By amount paid Treasurer,		\$ 70 04	
" " uncollected,		293 07	
		<hr/>	\$363 11

1899.	Dr.		
To amount uncollected,		\$1,016 37	
" " interest collected,		18 60	
		<hr/>	\$1,034 97

	Cr.		
By amount paid treasurer,		\$687 00	
" " uncollected,		347 97	
		<hr/>	\$1,034 97

1900.	Dr.		
To amount committed,		\$24,156 68	
" " interest,		107 59	
" " Street Railway Excise tax,		284 46	
		<hr/>	\$24,548 73

	Cr.		
By amount paid Treasurer,		\$22,892 89	
" " uncollected, Jan. 31, 1901,		1,655 84	
		<hr/>	\$24,548 73

The amount uncollected previous to 1898 remains as before reported, and is mainly taxes assessed upon lots sold by the Hanson Land Company.

FRANK SMITH, Collector.

Jan. 31, 1901.

Report of the Town Treasurer.

JARVIS BURRELL, TOWN TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF
EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

1900.

Feb.	3.	Cash on hand as per report,	\$3,211 42
"	6.	Town of Marshfield, aid to M. E. Atwood,	128 90
"	9.	Town of Hingham, aid to White's children,	109 99
Mar.	10.	State Treasurer, borrowed of,	8,000 00
"	17.	" " corporation tax,	465 02
		" " bank tax,	33 96
		Town of Whitman, aid to Mrs. Bates and child,	177 35
		Town of Whitman, acct. rent for E. Felix,	36 00
		" " " military settlement,	9 33
May	1.	Frank Smith, license,	1 00
"	30.	E. O. Edson, pool table license,	2 00
June	1.	Rogers, Newman & Tolman, borrowed of,	5,000 00
July	7.	State Treasurer, acct. Supt. of Schools,	750 90
		" " " School Teachers,	233 33
"	30.	F. O'Brien, license,	8 00
Aug.	6.	E. B. Savings Bank, borrowed of, due 1901,	1,000 00
"	6.	" " " " " " " 1902,	1,000 00
"	31.	" " " " " " " 1903,	1,000 00
Sept.	8.	State Treasurer, education of child,	13 00
Oct.	6.	S. S. & B. St. Ry. Co., acct. labor,	10 75
"	9.	Brockton " " " " " "	66 05
"	20.	F. R. Savings Bank, acct. Johnson fund,	20 20
		Freeman R. Hatch, license,	1 00

Nov.	1.	State Treas., acct. inspection of animals,	56 87
"	20.	Town of Whitman, acct. Frank Ensher,	22 50
"	22.	E. B. Savings Bank, borrowed of,	3,000 00
Dec.	1.	Town of Hanson, acct. highway boundary,	1 00
"	11.	State Treas., corporation tax,	2,570 03
	"	" " National Bank tax,	486 81
	"	" " State aid for 1899,	1,876 80
	"	" " military aid,	132 00
	"	" " street railway tax,	955 23

1901.

Jan.	1.	Town of West Bridgewater, acct. Supt. of Schools,	250 00
"	8.	E. B. Savings Bank, acct. Johnson fund,	35 29
"	14.	Town of Raynham, acct. Supt. of Schools,	150 00
"	16.	" " Easton, poor department,	67 15
		Estate of E. Rogers, acct. rent,	72 00
		Police Court, Brockton, fines,	20 15
		P. Co. S. D. and Trust Co., interest,	30 49
		County Treas., acct. dog tax,	389 76
		Almshouse,	331 86
		State Treas., acct. State paupers,	25 57
"	26.	" " " Mass. School fund,	404 78
		Acct. of Order No. 135,	3 50
		Town of Marshfield, acct. M. E. Atwood,	161 25
"	31.	Frank Smith, Col., acct. taxes for 1898,	70 04
		" " " " " " 1899,	687 00
		" " " " " " 1900,	22,892 89
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			\$55,970 27

1900.		CR.	
Mar. 10.	State Treasurer, discount on note,	157	89
	E. B. Savings Bank, note and interest,	3,029	76
June 1.	Rogers, Newman & Tolman, discount on note,	94	67
	State Treasurer, acct. license,		25
Oct. 3.	“ “ acct. note,	8,000	00
	E. E. Edson, court fees,	13	20
Nov. 17.	T. S. H. Rounseville, court fees,	11	20
“ 22.	E. B. Savings Bank, discount on note,	40	00
	County Treasurer, county tax,	1,981	80
Dec. 11.	State Treasurer, state tax,	885	00
19.	E. B. Savings Bank, interest,	16	27
1901.			
Jan. 3.	National Hide & Leather Bank, note,	5,000	00
5.	Police Court, Brockton, fees,	11	75
	J. E. Hersey, court fees,	14	59
	W. T. Greene, court fees,	8	13
11.	Trustees Public Library, acct. Johnson fund,	55	49
18.	Estate C. Rogers, repairs,	6	37
	Amount orders drawn by building committee,	2,994	16
	Amount orders drawn by school committee,	11,643	37
31.	Amount orders drawn by Selectmen,	18,726	49
Feb. 2.	Cash on hand,	3,279	88
			<hr/> \$55,970 27

JARVIS BURRELL, Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

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We have examined the books of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Building Committee, and Collector, and would respectfully submit the following report:—

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

Amount of Orders drawn on Treasurer,	\$18,726 49
“ “ “ paid by “	18,726 49

School Committee.

Amount of Orders drawn on Treasurer,	\$11,643 37
“ “ “ paid by “	11,643 37

Building Committee.

Amount of Orders drawn on Treasurer,	\$2,994 16
“ “ “ paid by “	2,994 16

Treasurer.

Amount on hand Jan., 1900, and received during the year,	\$55,970 27
Amount paid out during year,	\$52,690 39
Cash on hand,	\$3,279 88

Collector.

Amount committed for collection,	\$24,156 68
Street Railway Excise tax,	\$284 46
Interest,	107 59
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	\$24,548 73
Paid to Treasurer,	\$22,892 89
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Uncollected taxes,	\$1,655 84
Total Valuation, \$1,493,066.	
Rate per \$1,000, \$15.	

H. L. WATERMAN,

B. B. NUTTER,

Auditors.

East Bridgewater, Mass., Feb. 8th, 1901.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER
AND THE REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FOR THE YEAR 1900.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

School Calendar 1901.

Spring Term begins March 25, closes June 7; 11 weeks.

Fall Term begins Sept. 9, closes Dec. 20; 15 weeks.

Vacation Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

Winter Term begins Jan. 6, 1902, closes March 14; 10 weeks.

High School.

Spring Term begins March 25, closes June 21; 13 weeks.

Fall Term begins Sept. 9, closes Dec. 20; 15 weeks.

Vacation Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

Winter term begins Dec. 30, 1901, closes March 21, 1902; 11 weeks.

STORM SIGNALS—11—111111—two blows, pause, six blows, struck three times on church bells, at 8.05 A. M., no school for the day.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE—Second Monday evening of each month, at 7.30 o'clock.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE HOURS—Mondays and Thursdays, from 3.30 to 5.30 P. M., during school days.

School Committee for 1900.

Edward T. Morse,	term expires	1901
William H. Taylor,	“ “	1901
Susan B. Dunphe,	“ “	1902
Fannie M. Shaw,	“ “	1902
Lura Harden,	“ “	1903
George M. Churchill,	“ “	1903

Organization.

Chairman, William H. Taylor.

Secretary, Susan B. Dunphe.

Treasurer, Edward T. Morse.

Superintendent of Schools, Robert J. Fuller.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITIZENS OF EAST BRIDGEWATER :

At the annual town meeting George M. Churchill was elected to succeed as member of the School Committee Robert O. Harris, whose term of office expired at that time, and Mrs. Lura Harden was re-elected for three years.

At their regular meeting in March, the committee organized by the choice of the same officers who had served during the previous year.

The Joint Committee of the three towns comprising our school district met in April, and re-elected Mr. Frank O. Jones superintendent. Much to their regret, just previous to the opening of the fall term Mr. Jones resigned the position, to accept a more desirable one in New Haven, Conn. Robert J. Fuller was elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. Fuller has had the supervision of our schools the past four months, during which time he has shown himself to be an able and efficient superintendent, quick to perceive the needs of the schools, and ready with plans for their improvement. We earnestly recommend his report, with the suggestions contained therein, to the careful perusal of all persons interested in the welfare of our schools.

In accordance with a vote of the town and under the direction of a special committee appointed for the purpose, the High school building has been thoroughly repaired and equipped with a new steam

heating plant, which thus far has kept all the rooms comfortable with a far less amount of fuel than was formerly used. Other very desirable improvements and much needed repairs have been made upon the buildings and about the grounds during the past year. The yard at Elmwood has been graded and a new fence built, both of which were greatly needed. Also the pipes furnishing water for this building were found to be so badly rusted as to render them useless; hence new pipes had to be laid the entire length to the street, at a cost of about thirty-six dollars.

The house at Beaver has been resingled, and a strong woven wire fence erected on one side of the lot. This should be continued around the entire grounds here another year, as the old fence is very much dilapidated.

We also found that we were obliged to reshingle the roof of the North Primary building, as it was leaking badly. This was anticipated at the annual town meeting, but as it was thought at that time that this school might be removed to other quarters, no appropriation was made for the purpose. Also, minor repairs, as found necessary, have been made upon the buildings in the other districts.

The change in the rooms at the High School building, to remedy the overcrowded condition of the Grammar School, necessitated the removal of the Center Intermediate. When it became evident that the new school building would not be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the fall term, the town voted to place this school temporarily in the Town Hall. This was accordingly done. After a trial for the fall term, the committee were unanimous in the opinion that to keep it there through the winter months would be a positive injury to the pupils, and a source of needless expense to the town. After much time spent in investigation and deliberation, the rooms over Mr. Amos Hunting's store were secured, at a rental of one

hundred dollars, for the remainder of the year, thus furnishing comfortable, though somewhat crowded, temporary quarters for the school, and a fine office for the Superintendent, with ample room to store all books and supplies not in use.

The Committee recommend the following appropriations for 1901 :--

School purposes,	\$6,950 00
Books and supplies,	600 00
Incidentals,	300 00
Minor repairs,	200 00
Transportation,	500 00
Salary of Superintendent,	350 00
Music Teacher,	200 00
Painting,	75 00
Rent of room for Center Intermediate School,	100 00

SUSAN B. DUNPHE,
 FANNIE M. SHAW,
 LURA HARDEN,
 EDWARD T. MORSE,
 GEORGE M. CHURCHILL,
 WILLIAM H. TAYLOR.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Support of Schools —Amount Available.

Appropriation,	\$6,950 00
Received under Act of 1893,	233 33
Income of Massachusetts School Fund,	404 78
Dividend on Dog Tax,	389 76
Tuition of State Ward,	13 00
Total,	<hr/> \$7,990 87

Expenditures.—Teaching.

R. E. Files, High School,	\$1,040 00
Blanche C. Grant, High School,	300 00
Catharine R. Swinnerton, High School,	187 50
Maud L. Johnson, Grammar School,	641 66
Susie E. Whitcomb, Grammar School,	168 00
Jennie M. Sweetser, Grammar School,	126 00
Margaret A. Gow, Center Intermediate,	327 00
Elizabeth M. Dunn, Center Intermediate,	10 00

Blanche Watson, West Intermediate,	396 00
Cora B. Crabtre, West Primary,	231 00
Lou M. E. Smith, West Primary,	150 00
Julia Mansfield, Beaver Intermediate,	231 00
Susie E. Whitcomb, Beaver Intermediate,	195 00
Clara E. Noyes, Beaver Primary,	360 00
A. Lillian Warren, Elmwood Intermediate,	44 00
Elizabeth W. Crowell, Elmwood Intermediate,	60 00
Ruth E. Sherman, Elmwood Intermediate,	253 00
Annie L. Manter, Elmwood Intermediate,	18 00
Georgiana Calef, Elmwood Primary,	396 00
Hattie M. Wilbar, Satucket,	360 00
Florence C. Gammons, Curtisville,	324 00
Anna Delaney, Eastville,	189 00
Eva A. Cole, Eastville,	135 00
Mabel A. Hatch, Northville,	349 50
Grace L. Cook, North Primary,	360 00
Margaret A. Gow, board expenses,	6 90
Maud L. Johnson, expenses,	3 00
Jennie M. Sweetser, expenses,	1 80
Total,	<hr/> \$6,803 36

Care of Houses and Cleaning.

James Timmons, care, High School,	\$85 50
Mrs. James Timmons, care, High School,	22 50
George Hudson, care, High School,	75 60
M. D. Carroll, care, West Building,	45 00

Eugene A. Lincoln, care Beaver,	36 00
Harold Shaw, care, Elmwood,	49 54
A. Richmond Parker, care, Satucket,	24 00
Edwin Harrington, care, Curtisville,	12 00
Edna Adam, care, Curtisville,	6 00
Soorain Ensher, care, Eastville,	12 00
William Wyatt, care, Eastville,	6 00
Mabel A. Hatch, care, Northville,	18 00
Mrs. Geo. McDermott, care, North Primary,	24 00
Adelaide Valade, cleaning,	5 55
Annie Kyer, cleaning,	11 63
Eugene A. Lincoln, cleaning,	11 50
Harold Shaw, cleaning,	7 05
Mrs. M. Feeney, cleaning,	1 90
Mrs. Lester Harden, cleaning,	9 00
Mrs. Raymond, cleaning,	2 63
Mrs. Geo. McDermott, cleaning,	2 95
Total,	<hr/> \$468 35

Fuel.

John Burgess, wood,	\$ 33 00
Joshua Dean, coal,	429 58
J. D. Jones, wood,	11 00
Mackie Bros., wood,	23 00
Harold Shaw, carrying wood,	25
Total,	<hr/> \$496 83

Recapitulation.

Paid for Teaching,	\$6,803 36
Fuel,	496 83
Care and Cleaning,	468 35
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Total,	\$7,768 54
Amount Available,	7,990 87
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Unexpended,	\$ 222 33

Repairs.

John Burgess, lumber and posts,	\$8 48
M. S. Curtis, painting, etc.,	25 38
Joshua Dean, lumber, etc.,	126 12
Mabel A. Hatch, cash paid,	2 50
W. W. Houghton, stock and labor,	15 91
Geo. B. Howland, stock and labor,	3 88
I. H. Lincoln, labor,	4 00
Hermon Leonard, stock and labor,	3 75
J. S. Sargent & Son, fence wire,	16 00
Geo. Simmons, labor,	2 10
W. H. Taylor, stock and labor,	32 72
John M. Whiting, stock and labor,	7 90
C. W. Wixson, labor,	7 70
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Total,	\$256 44
Appropriation,	\$150 00
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Expended in excess of appropriation,	\$106 44

Text Books and Supplies.

Allyn & Bacon, books,	\$ 5 00
American Book Co., books,	1 40
Edw. E. Babb & Co., books,	2 50
Educational Publishing Co., books,	6 00
R. E. Files, cash paid,	4 20
Ginn & Co., books,	190 29
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies,	310 80
D. C. Heath & Co., books,	13 00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	10 17
Rand, McNally & Co., globes,	4 00
Sibley & Ducker, books,	3 21
Silver, Burdett & Co., books,	44 91
T. R. Shewell & Co., books,	12 50
University Publishing Co., books,	23 92
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Total,	\$631 90
Appropriation,	600 00
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Expended in excess of appropriation,	\$ 31 90

Incidentals.

Alger & Co.'s Express,	\$20 80
Jarvis Burrell, printing,	54 87
Carver Cotton Gin Co., stock and labor,	65
E. L. Clark, labor,	3 00
Est. N. F. Dunphe, services as J. P.,	1 00
F. E. Fuller & Co., curtains, etc.,	35 22

R. E. Files, cash paid,	1 34
Michael Feeney, Jr., grading,	6 00
Florence C. Gammons, cash paid,	45
W. T. Greene, grading,	36 38
E. T. Hinkley, repairing clocks,	2 25
W. W. Houghton, labor on water pipes, etc.,	35 03
Lura Harden, School Census,	25 00
Geo. L. Jones, clocks,	10 00
F. O. Jones, postage and expenses,	4 69
Eugene F. Keith, stock and labor,	1 50
Frank W. Keith, labor,	5 25
Patrick Luddy, labor,	1 75
I. H. Lincoln, labor,	2 00
E. W. Nutter, papers,	6 50
James Roach, cartage and teams,	11 25
Thomas O. Sime, labor,	5 25
J. W. Sturtevant, flagpole and irons,	5 00
W. H. Taylor, labor,	3 30
The Beal Press, diplomas,	15 00
L. J. Voigt, filling diplomas,	5 70
G. M. Webber, stock and labor,	52 49
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Total,	\$351 67
Appropriation,	\$300 00
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Expended in excess of appropriation,	\$ 51 67

Transportation.

R. J. Fuller, tickets,	\$ 73 60
F. O. Jones, tickets,	117 14
Albert Kelley, coach,	274 99
Geo. D. Stedman,	25 00
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Total,	\$490 73
Appropriation,	\$500 00
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Unexpended,	\$ 9 27

Superintendent of Schools.

F. O. Jones,	\$1,045 83
R. J. Fuller,	454 17
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	\$1,500 00
Received from West Bridgewater,	250 00
“ “ Raynham,	150 00
“ “ State,	812 50
Due from State,	437 50
Appropriation,	350 00
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	1,500 00

Music.

Annie M. Barnes, Supervisor,	164 00
James Roach, carriage hire,	20 00
Ginn & Co., music,	2 62
Silver, Burdett & Co., song books,	4 60
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Total,	191 22
Appropriation,	200 00
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Unexpended,	8 78

Insurance.

B. W. Keith, agent,	\$119 40
Appropriation,	115 00
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Expended in excess of appropriation,	\$ 4 40

New Seats.

Chandler Adj. Chair and Desk Works,	\$176 80
W. W. Houghton, labor,	8 20
I. H. Lincoln, labor,	4 50
W. H. Taylor, freight and cartage,	7 87
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Total,	\$197 37
Appropriation,	\$200 00
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Unexpended,	\$ 2 63

Shingling Beaver Building.

C. R. Beals, labor,	\$8 00
Andrew Blackman, labor,	8 00
John Burgess, shingles,	90 10
W. W. Houghton, labor,	8 00
I. H. Lincoln, labor,	8 00
W. H. Taylor, labor,	7 00
C. W. Wixson, labor,	7 00
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Total,	\$136 10
Appropriation,	\$100 00
Expended in excess of appropriation,	\$36 10

Summary.

	AVAILABLE.	PAID OUT.
School purposes,	\$7,990 87	\$7,768 54
Repairs,	150 00	256 44
Text Books,	600 00	631 90
Incidentals,	300 00	351 67
Transportation,	500 00	490 73
Superintendent,	1,500 00	1,500 00
Music,	200 00	191 22
Insurance,	115 00	119 40
New Seats,	200 00	197 37
Shingling,	100 00	136 10
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	\$11,655 87	\$11,643 37
Unexpended,	\$12 50	

EDWARD T. MORSE, Treasurer.

East Bridgewater, Jan. 26, 1901.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF
EAST BRIDGEWATER.

In accordance with your regulations I herewith present my first annual report. It is the ninth in the series of annual reports since the formation of this union district.

The school year which should be considered in this report was practically closed before my duties commenced. But since only two thirds of the calendar year had passed, I shall speak more especially of the work of the past four months. In addition to this I shall hope to call your attention to the future possibilities and needs of your schools. When I assumed the responsibilities of superintendent all of your schools were provided with teachers, the course of study was fairly established and everything, save a comfortable room for the Center Intermediate School pointed toward a pleasant and prosperous year. This, together with your own kind welcome and cordial support, the many helpful suggestions and loyalty of the teachers and co-operation of the parents, has rendered my task of becoming acquainted easy and pleasant, besides causing me to feel that for my part, I would gladly strive to put the schools of East

Bridgewater on a plane even higher than that already established. In accordance with my feelings at this time I wish to thank you as a Board, the teachers as co-workers, and all others who have in any way assisted in making my burdens lighter.

At the close of the fall term 1900, I found that in general your schools are advancing. The changes in the teaching force have been few; one resignation of a regular teacher has been received up to this time.

Teachers

The fact that you can retain your teachers ought to be encouraging to yourselves, the parents and the children. It is a positive injury many times, to lose a good teacher. I am sure that by judicious means, the salaries of our teachers can be so graded, that we can retain their services longer and not cause them to feel that they are imposed upon. It is necessary in some cases to pay a somewhat higher salary than is ordinarily paid. This can usually be met in the hiring of new teachers. Of course we cannot always induce good teachers to come here to commence with our small salaries, but we can try to get the best possible teacher for the salary paid, and this is my aim in the selection of teachers. The number of cases of severe discipline has been small.

Attendance

A few of the children, some, I regret to say, with the consent of their parents, have wilfully remained out of school during session time. May I, through you, say to all parents that while there are times when it may be right to keep the children at home, the fact remains that it is an injury to their boys and girls, mentally and

morally, to keep them out of school, unless the cause be a just one. A mental injury because it results in their loss of the instruction of the school, hence places them in danger of non-promotion and discouragement. A moral injury because it teaches them to feel that it does not matter whether they obey law or not.

Furthermore no parent has a right according to the statutes of Massachusetts to keep a child, between the ages of seven and fourteen, out of school for any cause other than sickness, unless he attend some school approved by the School Board.

Destruction of Property

In a few instances there have been complaints that some of the outlying schools have been broken into during the summer vacation by the older boys. This of course is punishable as any theft besides coming under the penalty of injury to public property. Can we expect, that if as parents, we allow our children to disregard law, that as young men and women they will regard those laws which make them independent citizens ?

Standard

The standard in most of your schools is as high as can be expected. Some of the grades and schools are higher than others. This however, is but a natural result of the difference in environment and condition. We may never expect to see the schools with five and six grades as well classified and as near the standard as those with fewer grades. This condition cannot be changed materially with the present arrangement of grades and buildings.

Text=Books

Having given some of my attention to the subject of Spelling, I am convinced that for the sake of more definite work and for the assistance of the teacher in arranging this work, there ought to be in use in the grades above the fourth some uniform text book in Spelling. There are many words in constant use which are essential in the daily routine of life. In selecting from the various text-books as Geography, Arithmetic etc., this fact is likely to be lost sight of by the one who presents the lesson. If however a text-book containing the common words was in the hands of the pupil and was made the basis of the lesson in Spelling, the complaint that our pupils are poor spellers would be heard less frequently. Very soon I hope to bring to your favorable notice a more modern text--book in Physiology, based upon scientific knowledge, and at the same time simple enough to be understood by the pupils of the eight and ninth grades.

You have already kindly adopted some new reading matter for supplementary work, but there is not enough to put into the corresponding grades of each school. I am at present endeavoring to select books for this department which seem to be profitable, instructive and entertaining literature for the various grades.

From my observations and experiences during the term just passed the need of a more definite course of study or outline for all grades, has forced itself upon me.

Course of Study

If obliged to place a new teacher in any school temporarily or permanently, we have very little to put into her hands so that she may know just where to find the classes. The course as arranged

by your first Superintendent and supplemented by your second is, or appears to be, still in use. The conditions in your schools have changed somewhat since that course was established. Many of your text-books are different, most of your teachers are new. In order to change this unsettled condition and render more effectual assistance to the teachers, I shall before September 1901 present for your approbation a preliminary course of study. In partial anticipation of this, I have herewith appended a set of rules and regulations which I trust you will adopt. These relate in a general way to the schools of the town and should be familiar to every teacher and citizen of the town. With these I would like to see adopted the regulations presented relating to the duties of the officers of the School Board, Superintendent, Teachers and Janitors. Not that we expect unpleasant occurrences in regard to any of the subjects mentioned, but that when the personnel of any of the above officers change, there sometimes arise misunderstandings which may be avoided if there are specific regulations. In further anticipation of the proposed course of study, I wish to insert at this point the course of study adopted by you at the beginning of the fall term for the ninth grade. While it is not ideal it is at least answering our needs at the present time. It was made in accordance with the report of the State Agent, Mr. Prince, and from what we have thus far observed is proving fairly satisfactory.

PERCENTAGE OF TIME.

.12 and .21	.20	.11	.10	.20
READING SUPPLEMENTARY to be arranged later.	HISTORY, CIVIL GOVERNMENT, and	DRAWING and MUSIC.	NATURE STUDY. Easy experiments in Physics and Chemistry, based upon Smith.	MATHEMATICS. In this grade there shall be a "rounding out" of the subject of Arithmetic. In connection with this, Algebra and Geometry not further than the solution of problems with two unknown quantities.
WRITING and SPELLING.	COMMERCIAL GEOGRAPHY.		PHYSIOLOGY.	Geometry Definitions—Arithmetical problems which are easily understood by geometric constructions. A few of the simple problems in construction, Theorems relating to angles and sides of triangles, Problems in prisms, pyramids and cylinders. In other words, an application and amplification of the rules of mensuration.
GRAMMAR, including simple Rhetoric and Composition.			Poisonous plants and trees. Injurious insects and their extermination. With such other Nature Study as the superintendent and teachers deem advisable.	BOOKKEEPING, as heretofore.
			INFORMATION READING upon the above topics.	

With this course of study and suitable text-books for aid to the teachers, the scholars of our grammar school ought to be able not only to enter the high school with honors, but to earn a living for themselves in many of the occupations of life in which those who cannot proceed farther in their education are obliged to engage.

Drawing

I wish to call your attention to the fact, that recently little or no money has been expended for Drawing. Industrial Drawing is one of the studies prescribed for our schools by the statutes of Massachusetts. For the past ten years this subject has received more attention than at any previous time. Educators and others with the progress of the people at heart have come to realize that drawing is necessary for two reasons, first, its practical application to structural work of all kinds, second, its formative influence as a trainer of the child in appreciating those finer qualities in a building, drawing or landscape. It thus develops and educates the aesthetic side of a child's life. I found in the work here that it would be impossible to get satisfactory results by the method of last year. In consequence of this all that has been done hitherto has been done by the individual teacher. At best, this can be but temporary and will not assist us to uniformity throughout the grades in the town. Mr. Bailey, the State Agent for the promotion of Industrial Drawing, recommends that towns the size of this secure the services of a graduate of the Normal Art School of Boston. Such teachers are willing for the sake of experience to teach for a nominal sum. I therefore, recommend that you ask at the next town meeting for one hundred dollars for this purpose.

Music.

It is with feelings of regret that I report to you the resignation of one who has labored faithfully and efficiently in your schools, trying to educate the artistic sensibilities of your children, as well as to lift them to a higher moral plane. I refer to Miss Annie M. Barnes, Supervisor of Music. In her report I wish to call your attention to that part which has to do with the value of music and with the music in the lower grades. In music, as in any other study of the school curriculum, the correct training of the children of the first, second and third grade lays a foundation upon which the teacher and pupil may both build lasting structures.

Report of Supervisor of Music.

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OF THE TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER :—

In former reports the general plan of music work has been presented, and for the year 1900 this plan has been carried out as far as possible. The result has varied according to the ability of the school and the musical intelligence of the teacher. I am sure, however, progress in many directions has been made.

As previously stated, music has a value of its own ; it also has value along many lines of school work. It is the Supervisor's duty to point out and make clear, if possible, the many heights to which music leads the way.

But not until School Boards and teachers recognize the grand possibilities of music relative to the mental, moral and spiritual development of the child, will music in the public schools rise to that

high plane which it deserves. And not until then will the schools be furnished with the necessary material for the furtherance of this study.

I think there is a stronger feeling than ever in your schools that attention to the music in the lower grades is the key to success in the higher.

Possibly this, more than any other study, could be left to the child's natural power of absorption. But many children are not musical sponges, and will gain little by this method. If more personal work in music were required of the child, if it were put more upon the basis of the other studies, I know the result would be surprising and most satisfactory.

In my future work I shall plan more and more to this end, thus giving the child independence of thought, making him personally responsible, just as he is in his language or his number work. Every teacher, be she musical or otherwise, can bring this about, and I feel it would be the greatest factor in the successful carrying out of the music work in our schools.

If we can inspire our pupils with a love for music, then give them the power to do, presenting to them the ideal: then will music be put upon its firmest foundation, and rise to a lofty height.

I wish here to thank the Superintendent, School Committee, teachers, and all who have aided me in my work, and in the opening of the new century I bespeak for your schools their greatest measure of prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE M. BARNES,

Supervisor of Music.

Much credit is due you as a School Board, the citizens of this town, and my predecessors, for the consolidation that has already taken place in your schools. Chief among the advantages of such consolidation are better instruction, better scholarship, better grading and better supervision. The schools plainly show that the pupils are enjoying all of these benefits. As a result the value of your schools as educational institutions is far above that of the schools which formerly contained nine grades. Educators are agreed that with two grades or more, one teacher cannot give satisfactory instruction to more than forty pupils. Several of our teachers have three grades, and more than this number of scholars. Can you not then well ask yourselves and the citizens of this town, if you have done all that can be done to change this condition and put your schools upon a basis equal to that of other towns in the State similarly situated? It would be possible to lighten the work of the present grammar teachers by securing a teacher for half time. If there is an outlying school, so situated that it could be brought to the center, with the teacher, the congestion in the Pond School and Center Intermediate might be relieved. True it is that you have no room provided for such a school; but with the wretched accommodations which we have been obliged to use this year for the Center Intermediate, and the poorly lighted and horribly ventilated Pond School, it seems to me that the citizens of this town would, to say the least, be selfish and imprudent to refrain longer from building a school suitable to accommodate these pupils. If such a building were erected near the center a provision should be made in it for a supply room, a committee room and three school rooms. The need for this building, located so as to accommodate the greatest number of pupils now and hereafter, is so obvious to the true-spirited citizens of this town that further comment from me would be entirely unnecessary and out of order.

In many of your schools the desks are of the old-fashioned double type. Many of them are begrimed with ink and disfigured with jackknife carvings. Can we not this year begin with the Elmwood School and replace these desks by the Chandler desks? In regular order, by supplying one building each year, all will be furnished with these modern adjustable desks within eight or ten years.

High School.

Following is a report of Mr. Files, Principal of the High School. I wish to call your attention to the unusual regularity of attendance in this school. This can be accomplished only through the united efforts of both teachers and parents. To be sure, attendance in the High School is in most cases voluntary on the part of the pupils, but that they realize the benefits resulting from regularity is shown by this record. As is stated, there will be no graduating class this year. The meaning of this is that two teachers must have twenty more recitations per week. Can we afford to cut down the length of the periods, thereby diminishing the work of the school and lowering its standard? I would suggest that, if you and the citizens of this town feel that it is possible for you to lighten the burdens of the teachers in the High School building, it can be done by securing one more teacher, who shall divide her time equally between the Grammar and High School. By such an arrangement your boys and girls could easily be sent from this High School direct to college. Without some definite assistance the periods must be shortened and this will necessarily diminish the value of both schools.

TO R. J. FULLER, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, EAST BRIDGE-
WATER, MASS:—

I submit to you the following report, which is a continuation of my partial report for last year, and includes an outline of the work done in the High School for the entire calendar year 1900.

During this time there have been but eleven days, exclusive of holidays and vacations, on which there has not been a session of school. Four of these days were lost on account of cold weather, the temperature of the rooms being 56° or lower; two, in attendance at the Brockton Fair; two, in attendance at Teachers' Conventions; one, in visitation; and two, on account of unavoidable absence on my part.

The membership of the school has varied from forty-seven to thirty-five, the whole number of pupils registered being seventy-one. In June, ten pupils graduated; two of these, however, did not receive diplomas, because of unsatisfactory work. In September, twenty-four pupils entered from the Grammar School. Eighteen pupils, besides those who graduated in June, have also left the school; six, on account of illness; six, because of change of residence; five, because they were deficient in work and were unwilling to take the work again with another class; one, because he was obliged to earn a livelihood. The average attendance has been forty-three.

The recitation periods have been of the same number and length as last year, and the time has been found sufficient for all classes except those in chemistry and in physics. These classes, in order that the best results be obtained, should have from one to two hours each daily. Owing to the fact that there are but three classes in the High School this year, it has been possible, on some days, to

give more than the allotted time to physics and to chemistry, and to have personal interviews with pupils with reference to their literary work.

As there is in existence but one copy of the course of study for the High School, I will mention the studies pursued by each class; Class of 1900, French, Latin, English, Physics, Chemistry, Arithmetic, Algebra and Geometry; class of 1902, French, Latin, Geology, Physics, General History, Arithmetic, Geometry, Algebra and English; class of 1903, Latin, English, Algebra, Geometry, Botany, History, Physical Geography and Geology; class of 1904, Algebra, Latin, English and Physical Geography.

In addition to the regular work, the pupils have published their school paper, bi-monthly, and have conducted the weekly rhetorical exercises with the same profitable results as last year.

The teachers have striven to carry out the principles mentioned in last year's report, and think that the pupils are beginning to realize the benefits derived from conscientious effort, self-reliance and thoroughness in their work. With the exception of few, the pupils have done their work faithfully and cheerfully.

By the thorough performance of its duty, the Committee on Repairs has removed all the inconveniences and signs of neglect, which had been a source of trouble for some time. The teachers and pupils greatly appreciate the clean and well-heated rooms. There is but one thing that still needs attention, and that is the insufficient lighting of the main room on dark days. Mr. Prince, of the State Board of Education, mentioned this defect the day on which he lectured in this room. The deficiency might be remedied somewhat by the thinning out of the trees on the east side of the building.

In another part of this report reference is made to the length of the recitation period, which is thirty-five minutes. This time ought not to be reduced, and for the work in physics, and in chemistry, should be doubled.

Next fall, and for every year following, there will be four classes, instead of three, in the High School. The entering fourth-year class will make twenty additional recitations per week. Under the present arrangement, it will be possible for the teachers to hear only ten of the twenty additional recitations; and in order to hear these ten it will be necessary to restrict the physics, chemistry and English recitations to thirty-five minutes each, thus doing away with the extra work in these branches, which is so essential. If any attempt should be made to crowd into the program the remaining ten recitations, it would make the day's work one of continual rush, and of no practical value.

It is well known that the amount of work required in the Grammar School is far beyond that which the two teachers can do to secure the desired preparation of those who are to continue the work in the High School. If the standard of both of these schools is to be maintained, it seems that there can be but one solution of the difficulty.

I would extend to you, and to the Committee, my thanks for your words of counsel, and of encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH E. FILES, Principal.

East Bridgewater, Mass., February 2, 1901.

In accordance with the foregoing statements of the status of your schools, from my limited acquaintance with them, I wish to make the following recommendations ;

First—That you ask at the next Town Meeting for an appropriation of one hundred dollars for a drawing teacher.

Second—That, beginning this year with the Elmwood School, Chandler adjustable desks be substituted for all double desks now in use.

Third—That in some substantial manner provision be made at the Center for a building at least large enough to accommodate the Center Intermediate School and the Pond School ; also to provide in it a room for the Board of School Committee and the school supplies.

Fourth—That you adopt the appended rules and regulations, together with those submitted regarding the duties of the various officers of the school department.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. FULLER.

East Bridgewater, Mass., Feb. 1, 1901.

APPENDIX.

Summary of Statistics for the School Year 1899--1900.

Population of East Bridgewater 1900, estimated,		3,025
Number of Schools,		14
Number of Teachers required,		16
Number of Teachers employed during the year,		22
Number of Children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years, as shown by the census,	1899 498	1900 514
Number of Children in town between the ages of seven and fourteen,	357	475
Number of Pupils enrolled on the School Register during the year,	555	552
Number of Pupils enrolled between the ages of seven and fourteen,	422	354
Number of Pupils enrolled over fifteen,	40	59
Average Membership,	494.76	506.2
Average Attendance,	466.62	476.31
Per cent. of Attendance,	92.84	93.15
Number of visits by Truant Officers,		15

Table of Attendance.

SCHOOL.	GRADES.	Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.
High School,		47	43	42	97
Center Grammar,	VII—IX	98	91.9	89.49	97.37
Center Intermediate,	IV—VI	55	52.99	50.33	94.88
North Primary,	I—III	39	37.85	35.26	92.9
West Intermediate,	IV—VI	38	34.3	33.12	96.5
West Primary,	I—III	41	38.46	36.29	94.45
Beaver Intermediate,	IV—VII	27	23.62	22.76	96.35
Beaver Primary,	I—III	27	24.67	23.13	93.75
Elmwood Intermediate,	IV—VII	35	33.08	30.43	92.6
Elmwood Primary,	I—III	39	35.93	30.77	85.57
Satucket,	I—VII	21	18.8	16.4	88
Curtisville,	I—VI	22	19.23	16.58	85.61
Eastville,	I—VI	31	25.7	24.3	94.3
Northville,	I—VI	32	26.67	25.45	95.4

List of Teachers for Calendar Year 1900.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	WHEN FIRST APPOINTED.	WHERE EDUCATED.
High,	Ralph E. Files, Principal. Blanch C. Grant, Assistant. C. R. Swinnerton, Assistant.	1899 1899 1900	Bates College. Vassar College.
Center Grammar,	Maud L. Johnson, Principal. Susie F. Whitcomb, Assistant. Jennie M. Sweetser, Assistant. Margaret A. Gow.	1895 1899 1900 1898	Gorham, Me., Normal.
Center Intermediate, North Primary, West Intermediate, *West Primary, Elmwood Intermediate,	Grace L. Cook. Blanche Watson. Cora B. Crabtre. A. Lillian Warren. Elizabeth W. Crowell. R. E. Sherman. Annie L. Maunter. Georgiana Calef. Hattie M. Wilbar. Florence C. Gammons. Anna Delaney. Eva Alice Cole. Mabel A. Hatch. Julia Mansfield. Susie E. Whitcomb. Clara E. Noyes. Lou M. E. Smith.	1898 1898 1894 189- 1900 1900 1900 1895 1897 1899 1898 1900 1896 1892 1899	Bridgewater Normal. Quincy Training School, Bridgewater Normal. Boston University. Castine, Me., Normal. Quincy Training School. Farmington, Me., Normal. Westerly, R. I., Normal. Farmington, Me., Normal. Chelsea Training School. Bridgewater Normal. Bridgewater Normal. Bridgewater Normal. Quincy Training School. Bridgewater Normal. Quincy Training School.
Elmwood Primary, Satucket, Curtisville, Eastville, Northville, Beaver Intermediate, Beaver Primary, *Substitute,			

Rules and Regulations of the Board of School Committee for the Town of East Bridgewater.

SECTION I. The school year shall begin as per the School Calendar printed in the Annual Town Report. The school year shall be divided into three terms, as per School Calendar.

SEC. II. The following vacations and holidays are allowed to each of the schools: Two weeks at Christmas, two weeks in March or April, a summer vacation sufficient to always bring the opening of the school year as found in the School Calendar. The High School shall have one week at Christmas and one week in March or April. Holidays—Saturdays of each week, Agricultural Fair, Thanksgiving Day and the day following, Washington's Birthday, Nineteenth of April, Memorial Day, and one day for the Plymouth County Teachers' Convention. No school shall be suspended on any other day except by a vote of the Board or by the permission of the Superintendent or Prudential Committee.

SEC. III. There shall be two sessions daily in all the public schools except the High School.

SEC. IV. There shall be a recess of fifteen minutes during the morning session of the school, for the healthful exercise of the body: and also there shall be singing at least once each day. The teacher and Superintendent may, if they think advisable, have a ten minute recess in the afternoon.

SEC. V. All teachers shall give vigilant attention to the ventilation and temperature of their school rooms, both in winter and summer, and see that the air in the room is effectually changed at each recess and at the close of the session.

SEC. VI. Teachers shall require excuses stating a satisfactory reason for absence, tardiness, or dismissal from school before the close of the session. All cases of absence from school shall be recorded in the register against a pupil's name, and when a scholar has been absent three days, without excuse, notice shall be sent to both the parent and Superintendent. When a scholar has been absent ten days in succession, the name of such pupil shall be dropped from the register.

SEC. VII. Children who have never attended school shall not be allowed to enter the first grade except during the first month of each school year. No child less than five years old shall be allowed to enter the schools.

SEC. VIII. Teachers shall not allow any new pupils to be admitted without first receiving from them a certificate of vaccination, signed by a reputable physician, that such pupils have been successfully vaccinated, or a certificate that vaccination would be dangerous to the health of said pupils.

SEC. IX. In place of the customary visiting day teachers may, when authorized by the Superintendent, visit such schools as he may approve, for the purpose of observing the work and methods of teaching.

SEC. X. For habitual disregard of rules, or opposition to authority, a pupil may be suspended from school by the teacher, who shall immediately notify the parent, and report the case and reasons to the Superintendent for advice and instruction.

SEC. XI. No pupil who has been suspended from one school shall be admitted to any other except by permission of the Superintendent.

SEC. XII. Pupils remaining for dinner must not be locked in the school room. So long as the pupils conduct themselves properly the building shall be open during the noon hour to those who remain to dinner.

SEC. XII. Any or all of these Rules and Regulations may be changed or amended, providing notice of intention to change has been given two weeks previous to the meeting.

ERRATA.

PAGE 47, Report of Selectmen: Mabel Alice Hemmingson=
Mabel Alise Hemmingson:

PAGE 47, Report of Selectmen: Edward Francis Roach=
Edmund Francis Roach:

TAX PAYERS

OF THE

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER

FOR THE YEAR 1900.

Tax Payers for Year 1900.

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Adam, George	\$35		\$2 53
John	210	1,000	20 15
Thomas			2 00
William			2 00
Adams, Charles W.	20	1,000	17 30
Walter H.	340		7 10
Ahearn, John,		650	11 75
Michael			2 00
Michael, 2d,			2 00
Alden, Alice H.		1,550	23 25
Bela C.	375		7 63
Fred	70		3 05
Joseph			2 00
Aldridge, Frank G.			2 00
Fred A.			2 00
Alexander, John K.	15		2 23
Alger, George W.	1,250	2,350	56 00
Allen, Arlotha M.		1,550	23 25
Charles B.	50		2 75
Charles E.			2 00
George	430		8 45
George W.	100	2,100	35 00
G. Winthrop	20		2 30
Henry T.		730	12 95
Horatio N.	90	125	5 23
James B. †		800	14 00
Samuel B., heirs of,		2,250	33 75
Samuel M.	30		2 45
William, heirs of,		1,300	19 50
Anderson, Andrew	275	2,250	39 88
Andrews, L. Harold			2 00
M. Lloyd			2 00
Stephen F.			2 00

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Angle, Henry F.	20	960	16 70
Atwell, Elmer L.	20		2 30
Horace	20		2 30
Atwood, Frank			2 00
Averill, Edwin E.	30	4,550	70 70
Frank C.			2 00
Babcock, Milton	30		2 45
Bailey, Levi P.	115	1,500	26 23
Baker, Levi A.			2 00
Barker, Dewit C.	205	1,700	30 58
Preston G.	240	200	8 60
Barney, Francis W.	100		3 50
Barrett, Edward W.			2 00
Michael J.			2 00
Patrick		1, 000	17 00
Barrows, Albert H.			2 00
Charles E.	680	2,800	54 20
Bartlett, Ezekiel R.			2 00
Hannah C.		1,400	21 00
Harry C.			2 00
Bates, Albert			2 00
Alpheus A.			2 00
Forrest B.			2 00
George E.			2 00
Irving, estate of,		2,570	38 55
Reuben,	105	1,550	26 83
Baxter, William C.			2 00
Beals, Asaph		300	6 50
Blaney P.	40	1,100	19 10
C. Elmer	170		4 55
Charles R.	175	1,900	33 13
Clifford C.			2 00
George G.			2 00
John E.	20	1,700	27 80
Beard, James			2 00
John	30	1,100	18 95
John Jr.			2 00
Bell, Vivian C.			2 00
Bennett, Albert N.			2 00
B. Warren		1,000	17 00
Charles E.	15		2 23
Charles W.		1,450	23 75
Susan L.		1,500	22 50
Benson, Abbie C.		1,650	24 75
Albion K.		900	15 50
Augustus T.	120		3 80
George H.	35	1,300	22 03
Nannie L.		1,800	27 00

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Benson, Walter L.	2,140	4,075	95 23
Benton, Willard F.			2 00
Bernier, Fred		250	5 75
Bigelow, Albert T.			2 00
Bird, Edmund	25		2 38
Frank A.	20	1,200	20 30
Helen		200	3 00
Henry W.		550	10 25
Bisbee, Joseph E.	475	795	21 06
Joseph F.		950	16 25
Blackman, Andrew G.	60	450	9 65
Blake, Fred C.	15		2 23
Blanchard, Augustus W.	293	4,290	70 75
Daniel T.		875	13 13
Daniel T., Jr.	155		4 33
George A.	500		9 50
Henry F.	25		2 38
Lizzie C.		1,600	24 00
Melvin O.	505	1,500	34 08
Payson H.	120	1,200	21 80
William J.	685	2,150	44 53
Bliss, Elizabeth W.	7,650	6,600	213 75
Blois, George R.			2 00
Boden, Charles	165	1,450	28 23
Charles A.	20		2 30
Bonney, Willard E.	110	1,800	30 65
Bottomore, Eliza A.		1,050	15 75
William			2 00
Bouchard, Carlisle			2 00
Joseph		65	2 98
Bouldry, James	30	1,000	17 45
Mary E.		475	7 13
Roland V.	30		2 45
Thaddeus M.			2 00
Bourne, Isaac N.		1,250	20 75
Josiah M.			2 00
Genevieve G.		800	12 00
Bowditch, Roger W.		2,180	34 70
Bradford, Arthur T.	150	1,300	23 75
Brandley, Bridget		1,800	27 00
James	15		2 23
Brennan, Celia		200	3 00
Brett, Algernon S.		975	16 63
Francis			2 00
Royal T.	70	1,025	18 43
Brierley, John A.	90	1,450	25 10
Broughton, John C.			2 00
Mary M.		1,225	18 38

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Broughton, Thomas	100		5 50
Brown, Arthur H.	30		2 45
Charles E.	160	450	11 15
Charles W.	1,010		17 15
Edwin J.	255	1,850	33 58
Edwin W.	300	1,270	25 55
Eliza R.		950	14 25
John E.	140	810	16 25
Walter H.	25	1,125	19 26
Warren			2 00
William H.	410	2,450	44 90
Bryant, Isaac E.	70		3 05
Buckley, John			2 00
Burdeau, Joseph			2 00
Timothy	60	1,075	19 03
Burgess, John	760	3,250	62 15
Emma J.		150	2 25
Joseph			2 00
Burke, Edward F.			2 00
Michael		1,350	24 25
Michael, Jr.			2 00
Burleigh, George F.			2 00
Burns, Henry	50	650	12 50
Burrell, George A.	190		4 85
Jarvis	1,000	2,900	60 50
Burrill, John		1,850	29 75
Bush, Sarah	1,000	1,450	36 75
Bushee, Calia			2 00
Byram, Lorenzo L.	20	2,225	35 68
Caldwell, Wellington	20	1,400	23 30
Campbell, Edmund	50	1,550	26 00
Edmund L.			2 00
Lot			2 00
William H.		1,000	17 00
Cannon, John	25	700	12 88
Carleton, George L.	30		2 45
Mary W.	60	1,300	20 40
Carr, Elmer F.			2 00
John C., heirs of,		400	6 00
Roger		800	14 00
Carroll, John L.			2 00
Patrick F.	40	1,000	17 60
Carter, Nathan	110		3 65
Castle, Wilfred H.	10		2 15
Chamberlain, Etta M.		1,200	18 00
Francis B.			2 00
George L.			2 00
Louis A.	25		2 38

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Chamberlain, William B.			2 00
Chandler, Frank B.			2 00
William H.	35	1,100	19 03
Chaplin, Arthur G.			2 00
Grace A.	50	1,400	21 75
Churchill, Arthur C.	30		2 45
Bethia		1,600	24 00
George M.	15		2 23
Luther	300	2,190	39 35
Newton		4,025	62 38
Percival M.	15		2 23
Rodney		1,000	17 00
Warren K., heirs of,		2,200	33 00
William F.			2 00
Clarity, Cornelius, heirs of,		1,100	16 50
John			2 00
Michael			2 00
Clark, Andrew		850	12 75
Charles F.	80	2,100	34 70
Charles H.	2,005	550	40 33
Edgar L.	250	430	12 20
Elijah L.	180	1,420	26 00
Coburn, Linwood S.	180	1,650	29 45
Cole, Arthur H.	40		2 60
Charles			2 00
Eugene A.			2 00
Coleman, George B.	120	1,350	24 05
Collamore, Francis	20	1,850	30 05
Conant, Benjamin W.	105		3 58
Cook, Henry	75	950	17 38
James A.	200		5 00
James C.		1,200	20 00
James F.			2 00
William D.	110		3 65
Coots, Walder R.	15	1,250	20 98
Copeland, Richard H.	10		2 15
Cote, Samuel	30	625	11 83
Crocker, Joseph C.	15		2 23
Walter	135	1,900	32 53
Crowley, Margaret		2,900	43 50
Michael	100	350	8 75
Cunningham, Charles A.			2 00
James		500	9 50
John		150	4 25
Curley, Michael			2 00
Patrick N.			2 00
Curran, Bartley	155	5,275	83 46
Dennis			2 00

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Curran, Edward F.			2 00
Mary L.	160	1,470	24 45
Curtis, Edward B.	15	900	15 73
Frank A.			2 00
Henry M.			2 00
Minot S.	350	1,050	23 00
Cushman, Fred E.	25		2 38
Martha H.		950	14 25
Dahill, Cornelius		1,100	18 50
Damon, Henry			2 00
Davenport, Charles E.			2 00
James H.			2 00
Samuel C.		400	8 00
Davilla, Joseph		650	11 75
Davis, Alanson D.	205		5 08
Dean, Joshua	9,940	14,625	370 48
Renel	350	1,550	30 50
Delano, Walter E.	10	1,300	21 65
Demond, John			2 00
Dickerman, Lucius F.		1,250	20 75
Dill, Hannah B.		450	6 75
Harry W.	135		4 03
Joseph W.			2 00
Dillon, James			2 00
Dobby, Joseph J.			2 00
Doody, Michael, heirs of,	22	1,300	19 83
Dorey, Michael	20		2 30
Moses M.			2 00
Peter			2 00
Peter J.			2 00
Downs, Charles	25		2 38
Donovan, James F.			2 00
Drake, Francis C.	450		8 75
Ira W.	175	1,450	26 38
Drew, Frank A.	60		2 90
Drislane, George H.			2 00
Patrick	45	1,400	23 68
Duane, David W.	40	950	16 85
William M.	15	1,525	25 11
Duggan, John			2 00
Dunbar, Lucius E.			2 00
Mary J.		950	14 25
Dunphe, Eugene M.	115	1,500	26 23
George W.			2 00
N. Frank, estate of	300	600	13 50
Duplisse, Frank W.	152	2,700	44 78
Dupuy, Francis D.	135	925	17 91
Dwyer, Andrew		1,050	17 75

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Dyer, George R.			2 09
Helen M.		525	7 88
Dyke, Eustace W.	15		2 23
Dyson, William A., estate of,		800	12 00
William A.	50	705	13 33
Eagan, James F.	50	450	9 50
Eastman, John S.	100	1,375	24 13
Edson, Albert B.			2 00
Alfred G.			2 00
Benjamin F.		1,050	17 75
Dana F.		75	3 13
Edward E.	100		5 50
Elizabeth B., heirs of,	70	2,150	33 30
Everett C.	125		3 88
Franklin		3,550	55 25
Fred C.	20		2 30
Henry	35	2,700	43 03
Herbert		1,040	17 60
John			2 00
Mary A. P.		1,600	24 00
Seth B.			2 00
William	100	850	16 25
Eldridge, Charles H.	150		4 25
Elligat, Edmund			2 00
Ellis, Charles E.			2 00
Charles R.			2 00
Esek T.			2 00
E. T. and Son	1,080	2,950	60 45
Oscar E.			2 00
Elwell, George H.	150		4 25
Ensher, Elias	470	2,200	42 05
Neman			2 00
Erskine, Frank L.	25	1,000	17 38
Hiram H.		1,600	26 00
Eustis, Sylvia		1,800	27 00
Evans, Angus			2 00
John	25		2 38
Ewell, Alvah H.	175	2,000	34 63
Frank E.	70	1,200	21 05
Fahmley, William H.		1,735	28 03
Feeney, Mary		1,250	18 75
Michael			2 00
Michael, F.		90	3 35
Field, Charles E.		6,250	95 75
Henry G.		690	12 35
Lucy P.		1,250	18 75
Files, Ralph E.		50	2 75
Fish, Mercy W.		800	12 00

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Fish, Thomas J.	60		2 90
Fisher, Frank M.	40		2 60
John F.			2 00
Walter H.			2 00
Fitzgerald, James			2 00
Mary	35	1,100	17 03
Michael			2 00
Patrick			2 00
Flagg, Francis R.	90	825	15 73
Harold W.	15		2 23
Loren A.	1,200	1,400	41 00
Foley, Patrick	60	3,350	53 15
William P.			2 00
Forcier, Joseph	130	975	18 58
Foss, Walter C.	25		2 38
Foster, William C.			2 00
Fournier, Joseph	150	1,050	20 00
Freeman, James D.	20	850	15 05
French, Daniel C.			2 00
Franklin W.	20	2,050	33 05
George L.			2 00
Fuller, Clarence B.	20		2 30
Edmund T.	55	75	3 96
Ezra T., heirs of,		2,000	30 00
Fred E.	60	2,000	32 90
Fred E. & Co.	4,125		61 88
Isadus		2,330	36 95
Percy D.			2 00
Fullerton, Charles C.	265	1,300	25 48
Fullerton & Ewell	125		1 88
Gaffney, Rebecca	110	1,950	30 90
Gammons, Mary E.		2,400	36 00
Gardner, Gilbert E.			2 00
Henry T.	20		2 30
John S.			2 00
Gaucher, Louis			2 00
Mitchell	10		2 15
Geary, Daniel			4 00
Daniel, Jr.			2 00
James			2 00
Thomas			2 00
Gillander, Walter W.			2 00
Ginn, Willard	133	1,070	20 05
Gould, Matilda M. C.	25	1,200	18 38
Maurice C.		1,300	21 50
Greene, William	208	1,400	26 12
William A.	15		2 23
William T.	405	2,000	38 08

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Gregson, Frank			2 00
Griffin, Alfred	600	3,000	56 00
Gurney, David H.	80	525	11 08
David W.	725	4,150	75 13
Henry		5,265	80 98
H. and D. W.		1,450	21 75
Hacker, Carolina		1,300	19 50
Gottfried	200		5 00
Hagan, Peter		650	11 75
Hale, Lydia A.	30	2,600	39 45
Hall, Bion B.			2 00
Samuel	110	1,700	29 15
William B.		1,400	23 00
Hamilton, Eliza J.		300	4 50
Hanson, John			2 00
Harden, Abbie C.		850	12 75
John W.	10	750	13 40
Lester A.	40	550	10 85
Rachel		1,150	17 25
Reuben, heirs of,		1,200	18 00
Harding, Albert M.	35	1,380	23 23
Noah T.		1,090	18 35
Harlow, Henry H.	50	2,550	41 00
Harlow & Leland	1,515	2,900	66 25
Sarah		1,200	18 00
Stephen			2 00
Harriman, Frank R.	20	650	12 05
Harrington, Jerry			2 00
Harris, Arthur		700	12 50
Benjamin W.	1,300	5,709	107 00
Robert O.	1,640	5,900	115 10
William T.			2 00
Haskins, Frank S.			2 00
Edella F.		800	12 00
Hassett, Edward F.			2 00
Harriet B.		300	4 50
Hatch, Arthur T.		800	14 00
Freeman R.	153	1,475	26 43
Henry W.	20		2 30
Isaac T.	110	1,650	28 40
Mary J.		125	1 88
Merrill M.			2 00
Oren			2 00
Hathaway, Abby, estate of,		2,000	30 00
Hosea	50	3,450	54 50
Hathaway Box Co.		3,250	48 75
Hayward, Caleb T.	30	600	11 45
Elmer C.			2 00

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Hayward, Francis	75	1,715	28 86
Fred	25	550	10 63
Leonard A.	30		2 45
Martin A.	25		2 38
Roy S.	10		2 15
Healey, Ernest L.	25		2 38
Joseph C.	235	2,025	35 91
Hemmenway, James A.	175	850	17 38
Hemminson, Peter A.	15		2 23
Hennessey, James W.			2 00
Maurice E.			2 00
Michael			2 00
Michael, Jr.			2 00
Hewett, Abbott T.	260	5,270	84 95
Higgins, Matthew S.		1,050	17 75
Hill, Benjamin	25		2 38
Charles W.	70		3 05
Eli B.	30	650	12 20
Henry G.	565	4,350	75 73
Jacob P.			2 00
Hinckley, E. Trescott			2 00
Hobart, Aaron, estate of,	20,200	17,450	564 75
Edward			2 00
Grace A.		14,100	211 50
Henry, estate of,		2,250	33 75
John	7,070	5,650	192 80
John, trustee,	327		4 91
Josephine E.		295	4 43
Rowena W.		45	68
Sarah R.		295	4 43
Hobill, Henry	100		3 50
Hodgden, Chandler A.	10	650	11 90
Holbrook, F. Austin	50		2 75
Gertrude A.		1,080	16 20
Hollis, Joshua			2 00
William H.			2 00
Hollace, Margaret	215	3,350	53 48
Holloway, John W.	50	1,150	20 00
Holmes, Alice		750	11 25
Charles H.			2 00
Elizabeth		1,100	16 50
George W.	225	350	10 63
Levi F.			2 00
Oliver, heirs of,		1,400	21 00
Hooper, Salome	30	2,765	41 93
Walter S.	55	775	14 46
Horton, Arthur C.	20		2 39
Irving	450		8 75

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Horton, Lucy C.		4,800	72 00
Sarah A. & Conant, Lucy B., heirs of,		2,750	41 25
Houghton, Abel R.			2 00
William W.	170	1,700	30 05
Howard, Edward A.	15		2 23
Louisa A.		950	14 25
Howe, Augustus M.			2 00
Charles N.			2 00
Harry A.	50	1,650	27 50
Philip H., heirs of	280	1,770	30 75
Howland, Adna K.	60	1,375	23 53
George B.	135	2,025	34 41
George S.			2 00
Samuel T.	175		4 63
Hoyt, Fred C.		950	16 25
Hannah L.		1,200	18 00
Harry N.			2 00
Hudson, George			2 00
John	75		3 13
William F.			2 00
Humble, Adam R.		1,300	21 50
M. Newton, estate of,		1,300	19 50
Hunting, Amos	2,825	5,050	120 13
Frederick A.			2 00
Harry A.			2 00
Inglee, Charles S.		1,450	23 75
Jackson, Abner C.		1,720	27 80
Jahn, Paul	45	1,770	29 23
William			2 00
Jarvis, John B.			2 00
Jefferson, Mark F. W.	20		2 30
Jenkins, Zenas A.	650	2,300	46 25
Jennison, Solomon F.		620	11 30
Johnson, Auguste			2 00
Carl T.	40		2 60
Eustace			2 00
Loring D.	20		2 30
Norman G.			2 00
Ulysses G.	10		2 15
Jones, Charles A.		400	8 00
Charles L.	145	1,100	20 68
Frank O.	165		4 48
George L.	500	450	16 25
Mrs. John		1,650	24 75
Joseph D.	7,300	8,225	234 88
Wilfred A.			2 00
Jordan, John F.	135	1,800	31 03

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Josselyn, James E.	20		2 30
William A.		1,500	24 50
Joyce, G. W. Nelson	200	1,300	24 50
Judkins, Anna P.		3,550	53 22
Walter V.	150		4 25
William M., estate of,		1,600	24 00
Kane, William F.			2 00
Kaven, James			2 00
Kaveny, John	100		3 50
Keene, Benjamin N.		650	11 75
Gilbert	15		2 23
William	140	2,700	44 60
Keith, Bathsheba		505	7 58
Benjamin W.		1,300	21 50
Elizabeth S.		1,700	25 50
Eugene F.	105	1,200	21 58
Frances T.		3,900	58 50
Francis W.			2 00
F. Elmer			2 00
Frank O.	20		2 30
Frank O., 2nd,	1,300	2,300	56 00
Frederic	20		2 30
Fred L.			2 00
George M.	265	2,925	49 86
Harry B.	115		3 73
Henry M.	200	4,600	74 00
Herbert C.	305	2,190	39 43
Isaac		1,350	22 25
Isaac, N.			2 00
Lysander	80	2,300	37 70
Mary A.		1,850	27 75
Orinda		2,800	42 00
Robert C.	150	4,170	66 80
R. C. & Brother		800	12 00
Sam A.	25		2 38
Samuel, estate of,	8,000	6,610	219 15
Samuel E.	15		2 23
Simeon C.	225	4,305	69 96
Stafford I.			2 00
Victor W.	30		2 45
Walter	130	270	8 00
Warren E.	140		4 10
William H.			2 00
Zebina, estate of,	4,100	2,800	103 50
Walter and Harry B.	225		3 38
Kelley, L. Albert	760	3,250	62 15
Timothy	15		2 23
Kenneally, Edmund J.	80	2,060	34 10

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Kenney, Fred			2 00
King, Albina		600	9 00
Kezia D.		1,100	16 50
Mida			2 00
Kingman, Ezra		2,950	46 25
George H.			2 00
J. Henry	20		2 30
Justin S.			2 00
Maria A.	165	1,450	24 23
Walter G.			2 00
Kingston, Joseph J.			2 00
William H.			2 00
Knapp, Austin R.	20		2 30
James G., estate of,		1,500	22 50
J. Sumner			2 00
Wallace D.	20		2 30
Kyer, William			2 00
Lane, John, heirs of,	770	15,200	239 55
Latham, Angelica H.	160		2 40
A. Harris	2,010	3,300	81 65
Eliab	3,330	5,130	128 91
E. Austin, heirs of,		1,750	26 25
Esther H., estate of,		1,540	23 10
Galen A.		1,880	30 20
James W.			2 00
Robert C.	30		2 45
Lathbury, Clarence			2 00
Vincent T.	15		2 23
Lawson, Napoleon			2 00
Leach, Alonzo W.		2,000	32 00
Charles W.	20		2 30
Ellsworth R.	30		2 45
Fred A.	75	1,325	25 01
Le Clare, Alixia	140	1,000	19 10
Leland, Arthur L.		1,150	10 25
Gilbert H.			2 00
Harry H.			2 00
Janette C.		1,850	27 75
Leonard, George E.			2 00
Herman	340	1,750	33 35
Lydia E.	100	250	5 25
William T.	10		2 15
Libby, Henry J.	20		2 30
Lincoln, Adeline		1,300	19 50
Charles W.			2 00
Eugene A.		950	16 25
Frank			2 00
Isaac H.	15	775	13 86

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Lindsey, Ernest W.		✓	2 00
Lindskog, Olef	520	3,100	56 30
Litchfield, Francis D., estate of,		1,400	21 00
Littlefield, George H.	50	4,500	70 25
Rufus A.			2 00
Lombard, George F.			2 00
Loring, Albert O.			2 00
Arthur H.	15	2,535	40 26
Edward G.			2 00
Lothrop, Hattie A.		1,050	15 75
Waldo P.			2 00
Loucraft, Percid	250	7,450	115 50
Luddy, Patrick	40	1,900	31 10
Thomas E.	15	2,800	44 23
Timothy L.			2 00
William H.	50		2 75
Luzarder, Caroline		2,200	33 00
Lynch, Daniel			2 00
Lyon, Isaac K., heirs of,	130	180	4 65
Lucy		125	1 88
Walter H.	10	1,100	18 65
Lyons, Mary		100	1 50
Michael H.	10	1,075	18 28
Magoun, Lydia A.		1,500	22 50
Maguire, Owen		750	13 25
Owen, Jr.			2 00
Thomas			2 00
Mahoney, James		400	8 00
Julia	105	1,425	22 96
James, L.			2 00
Mary		400	6 00
Mann, Charles F.	25	800	14 38
Frederic C.	2,475	2,600	78 13
George T.	20		2 30
Marble, Harry E.	655	1,300	31 33
Marchant, George M.	10		2 15
Gordon F.	10		2 15
Marville, George	230	750	16 70
Mattson, Peter			2 00
McCarty, Michael		1,000	17 00
McCrillis, Hattie T.	75	1,500	23 63
McDermott, George J.	40	1,275	21 73
McGrath, James	80	1,125	20 08
McGurne, William	10		2 15
McHugh, James		625	11 38
John			2 00
McKenzie, Fred E.			2 00
Samuel R.	120	800	15 80

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
McLean, Archibald M.	235		5 53
Meade, Catharine		950	14 25
Matthew			2 00
Mehan, Francis J.	35	300	7 03
Meserve, Charles D.	20		2 30
Hannah B.	75	1,725	27 01
Mills, Charles A.	15		2 23
Mitchell, Ernest W.	25		2 38
Frederic	15	1,000	17 23
Maria A.		1,600	24 00
Robert J.		900	15 50
Timothy, heirs of,		1,000	15 00
William J., estate of,		1,100	16 50
Mondeau, Nelson	190	600	13 85
Moore, Jessie G.		275	4 13
Morey, James		800	14 00
John H.			2 00
Marion			2 00
Patrick D.			2 00
Morrison, Francis M.			2 00
John E.			2 00
Michael			2 00
Morse, Edward T.	20	1,600	26 30
Herman L.	10	1,050	17 90
Moulton, George A.		1,300	21 50
Muldoon, Margaret		150	2 25
Munroe, James		150	4 25
Mary A.		1,475	22 13
Joseph R.	200		5 00
Murphy, Edward S.	10	200	5 15
John J.			2 00
Patrick			2 00
Timothy			2 00
William			2 00
William H.			2 00
Murray, John F.			2 00
Thomas F.		500	9 50
Nash, Daniel L.		650	11 75
Nelson, Bernard	55	850	17 58
Victor	185	1,800	31 78
Newcomb, Rupert			2 00
Newhall, Frank W.			2 00
H. Lester	40		2 60
Horace W.		1,025	17 38
Mary A.		1,150	17 25
Newton, John C.	65	1,850	30 73
Noonan, Catharine		100	1 50
Noyes, Daniel W.	30	800	14 45

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Noyes, Ida A.		1,600	24 00
L. Merrill		900	15 50
Nute, Clarence E.	40	900	18 10
Clarence J.	30		2 45
Nutter, Anna M.		1,200	18 00
Bertrand B.			2 00
Charles L.	50		2 75
Edmund W.	110	1,700	29 15
Frederic C.	185	3,500	57 28
Isaac N.	1,135	19,320	308 83
O'Brien, Cornelius L.		650	11 75
James			2 00
John			2 00
Thomas		775	13 63
Osborne, Galen, heirs of,		555	8 33
Henry A.			2 00
Joseph R.		1,050	17 75
William H.		2,350	37 25
Packard, Austin C.	70	1,700	28 55
George	60		2 90
Herbert T.	10		2 15
Wilfred			2 00
Paine, Agnes H.		1,200	18 00
Herbert W.	25	1,650	27 13
Howard	145	1,400	25 18
Parker, Alfred B.	30		2 45
John O.			2 00
Levi B.		2,300	36 50
Mary F.		5,450	81 75
William		900	11 00
Parris, Ella F.	30	265	4 43
Pearce, John	30		2 45
Pendergast, James		1,550	25 25
Penney, George			2 00
Pendleton, Edward A.			2 00
Perkins, Levi E.	10		2 15
Thomas H.	50		2 75
Perry, Joseph			2 00
Joseph W.	15		2 23
Peterson, Albert R.			2 00
Philbrick, Charles S.	25		2 38
Pinkham, Mary L.		1,000	15 00
Poole, Frank L.			2 00
Peregrine W.	125	1,350	24 13
Polson, Swan			2 00
Porter, Allen, heirs of,	120	1,700	27 30
Edward A.		1,250	20 75
Francis W.	200	1,130	21 95

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Porter, John B.			2 00
Potter, Simeon C.	120		3 80
Powell, George M.	115	1,600	27 73
Pratt, Allen P.	133	600	13 00
Charles W.	338	2,180	39 77
Charles W., trustee,		50	75
David H., estate of,	80	1,870	29 25
D. Morton	25		2 38
Eugene F.	20		2 30
George H., heirs of,		1,850	27 75
George H.	60		2 90
Josiah J.	15	1,075	18 36
Mary C.		1,850	27 75
Mendell A.	217	1,400	26 26
Oliver	55	1,600	26 83
Prescott H.	125	1,675	29 01
Saba C.		975	14 63
Walter S.			2 00
Presby, Lorin A.	170	3,800	61 55
Prunier, Joseph	110		3 65
Quigley, Catharine, estate of,		1,650	24 75
Henry			2 00
James			2 00
John B.			2 00
O'Brien			2 00
Quill, Timothy	70	1,925	31 93
Quinby, E. and Ida M. Foss, estate of,	270	2,400	40 05
Fred A.	80		3 20
Ira H.			2 00
Quinby, John W.	1,490		24 35
Ramsdell, Aaron		550	10 25
Aaron E.		200	5 00
Fred A.			2 00
Mary	200		3 00
Nahum A.			2 00
Nahum W.			2 00
Prescott E.	40	1,150	19 85
William		650	11 75
William G.			2 00
Ransden, Charles R.	15	200	5 23
Elias A.	160	1,500	26 90
Raymond, Henry F.			2 00
Samuel D.	100	700	14 00
Reardon, Margaret L.		2,550	38 25
James, estate of,		650	9 75
Reed, Augustus A.	85	1,200	21 28
Clark W.			2 00

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Reed, Dexter, heirs of,		1,125	16 88
Edmund L.	50		2 75
George A.		1,135	19 03
John B.			2 00
Samuel D.			2 00
Welcome O.		800	14 00
William, estate of,		600	9 00
Redfield, W. L.			2 00
Reid, Freeman J.	350	1,000	22 25
Greenleaf W.	200	3,750	61 25
Laura J.	300		4 50
Rice, Kate	3,925		58 88
Reuben	100	3,350	53 75
Richards, L. Watts	625	3,445	63 06
Norris			2 00
Richardson, Lewis O.			2 00
Richmond, Charles O.	15	1,400	23 23
Ricker, John K.			2 00
Sarah A.		1,800	27 00
Ring, Daniel	30		2 45
Ripley, Arvilla P.	50	1,250	19 50
Roach, David, heirs of,	315	3,385	55 51
James	975		16 63
Michael F.	290	1,400	27 35
Robbins, David B.		900	15 50
Rogers, Henry B.			2 00
James	20		2 30
Patrick	10		2 15
Rollins, Charles L.		1,250	20 75
Frederic B.	210	1,550	28 40
George E.	75	2,200	36 13
Root, George A.		200	5 00
Rounseville, Thomas S. H.	500		9 50
Rust, Mary H.		6,900	103 50
Sampson, Ephraim L.			2 00
Ezra F.	90	750	14 60
Jrhn A.	15		2 23
Sampson, William S.	50	1,350	23 00
Sanborn, Charles W.			2 00
Sandridge, George W.	70	675	13 18
Scribner, John H.		600	11 00
Sabin N.			2 00
Sears, Henry W.	120		3 80
Seaver, Charles L.	10		2 15
Edward R.	400	1,835	35 53
Lucy		1,450	21 75
Selee, Leonard		2,700	42 50
Severance, Loretta C.		625	9 38

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Severance, Minot F.			2 00
Walter, heirs of,		1,100	16 50
Sharpe, Oliver M.	50	850	15 50
Shattuck, Benjamin F.	395	1,350	28 18
Shaw, Albert		900	15 50
Allan B.			2 00
Charles Elliot	100		3 50
Charles Elmer			2 00
James A.	50		2 75
Joseph W.			2 00
Lester B.	15	1,650	26 98
Lyman C.			2 00
Minot G.			2 00
Orra P.		2,325	34 88
Warren S.			2 00
William N.		2,000	32 00
Sheafe, Charles E.	90	450	10 10
Shehan, Patrick			2 00
Robert			2 00
Sheldon, Kimball E.	260	13,000	200 90
Shepard, George N.	20		2 30
John B.	55	1,130	19 78
Napoleon B.			2 00
Sherman, Henry C.	260	2,000	35 90
Shirley, Allan L.	1,100	4,450	85 25
Siddall, Benjamin			2 00
Elizabeth		500	7 50
Fred R.		550	10 25
Lucie L.		1,600	24 00
Siddell, Edward		1,650	26 75
Simes, Charles B.			2 00
Henry A.			2 00
Thomas O.		275	6 13
Willard N.			2 00
Simmons, George A.	20	1,600	26 30
Sisson, Job E.			2 00
Sites, George J.		1,050	17 75
George J., Jr.			2 00
Sjoberg, John T.	35	1,000	17 53
Skillings, George E.			2 00
George W.	45		2 68
Slater, James N.		1,175	17 63
Small, Guy D.	350		7 25
Smith, Alfred A.	655		11 83
Charles E.	240		5 60
Ella F.		3,270	49 05
Frank	800	2,300	48 50
George H.			2 00

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Smith, Horace T.			2 00
Thomas B.	775	3,000	58 63
Snooks, Richard J.			2 00
Somers, William	165	2,200	37 48
Soper, John S.	45	1,150	19 93
Soule, Charles H.			2 00
Charles H., Jr.			2 00
James W.		1,250	20 75
Souza, Manuel		500	9 50
Spear, Charles A.	305	5,550	89 83
George F.	15		2 23
Standish, David		550	10 25
Edgar A.		875	15 13
Stanley, Hannah R.		1,000	15 00
Staples, Jasper N.	85	925	17 16
Starbuck, John C.			2 00
Stedman, George D.	855	3,900	73 33
Steele, Ernest	40		2 60
Stetson, Asa W.			2 00
Herbert W.		1,150	19 25
Stevens, Benjamin D.			2 00
Eliza B.	260	3,270	52 95
Russell C.			2 00
Stewart, Alexander			2 00
William		1,075	18 13
Stpierre, Noel			2 00
Strong, Joseph H.	15		2 23
Sarah F.	100	7,550	114 75
Studley, Betsey R., estate of,		950	14 25
Sturtevant, Andrew P.	40		2 60
F. Chester	80		3 20
Fred D.			2 00
James W.	245	1,400	26 68
Joshua			2 00
Joshua, Jr.	150	2,850	47 00
Lloyd E.			2 00
Myra		1,270	19 05
Zenas W., estate of,		850	12 75
Sullivan, Daniel			2 00
Sumner, Susan		150	2 25
Swallow, Everett C.			2 00
Swazey, Sharonton B.		2,250	35 75
Swift, Michael			2 00
Sylva, Frank			2 00
Tallant, Joshua		500	9 50
Taylor, Samuel E.	75		3 13
William H.	880	3,000	60 20
Thomas, George W.	20		2 30

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Thomas, Henry E.			2 00
Thompson, Betsey A.		1,050	15 75
Charles W.	580	4,020	71 00
Frank H.			2 00
Frank W.	795	2,010	44 08
Harry M.	30		2 45
Thorndike, Henry H.			4 00
Thrasher, Daniel W.	50	700	13 25
Israel	15		2 23
Timmons, James, estate of,	10	1,150	17 40
Todd, Austin D.	100	1,425	24 88
Toren, Frank A.	140	1,450	25 85
Torrey, Flora E.	400	1,400	27 00
Trescott, Frank A.		275	6 13
Trott, Archie H.			2 00
Ira B.	245	2,100	37 18
Trow, Bartholomew, heirs of,		2,200	33 00
Fred E.	20	775	15 93
George A., heirs of,		1,250	18 75
Henry B.	100		3 50
Trudeau, William	7,815	13,050	314 98
Tufts, Robert S.	60	950	17 15
Turnbull, George E.	25		2 38
Turner, James M.			2 00
Ulander, Fritz			2 00
Vaughan, Martha W.		700	10 50
Vinton, Laura C., estate of,		1,750	26 25
Mary		4,900	73 50
William			2 00
Winthrop O.			2 00
Voigt, Leopold J.		3,340	52 10
Vosmos, Cornelius L.	17	650	12 01
Wade, Frank M.			2 00
Hiram	60	2,000	32 90
Luther			2 00
Ward, Ansel W.			2 00
Benjamin, heirs of,	1,605	4,600	93 08
Edith M.	60	1,400	21 90
Eliab N.	840	1,000	29 60
Stillman W.	20		2 30
Warren, William L.			2 00
Washburn, Austin	40		2 60
Curtis W.	20		2 30
Edward W.	20		2 30
Noah A.		225	5 38
Orace	550	1,925	39 13
Selden M., estate of,	25	1,000	15 38
Walter W.			2 00

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Washburn, N. A. and W. W.	815	3,470	64 28
Waterman, Arthur G.			2 00
Bradford B.			2 00
Charles D.	35		2 53
Charles W.	125	150	6 13
Herbert L.			2 00
John H.	100	1,750	29 75
Lura J.		2,000	33 00
Watson, Albert B.			2 00
Weatherill, Robert	90	450	10 10
Robert, Jr.			2 00
Webber, George M.	2,450	1,950	68 00
Melvin L.	600	9,750	157 25
Weld, James S.	10		2 15
Welch, Patrick	170	1,675	29 68
Patrick, Jr.	25		2 38
West, Edward N.			2 00
Westerberg, Arthur			2 00
Edward	155	1,300	23 83
Weston, Edmund L.	130	1,700	29 45
John E.	75	1,400	24 13
Wheeler, Willis A.	20		2 30
White, Elbridge W.	210	550	13 40
Frederic F.	600	3,550	64 25
Frederic W.	230	1,600	29 45
Harrison W., heirs of,		3,550	53 25
Mary E.		3,375	50 63
Samuel C.			2 00
Thomas M.	30	1,000	17 45
William H.			2 00
William L.		950	16 25
Whiting, John A., heirs of,		1,750	26 25
John M.	340	4,560	75 50
Whitman, Alice		1,250	18 75
Asa T., heirs of,		2,250	33 75
Calvin S.	25	455	9 21
Eleazer		1,368	22 48
Elmer R.			2 00
Ezekiel	508	3,050	57 37
J. Everett	30		2 45
Joseph M.		500	9 50
Whitmarsh, Ezra S.	2,350	2,685	77 53
E. S. and B. Alden		1,000	15 00
Frederic P.	630	3,145	58 63
Wilbar, Arad		1,225	20 38
Azuba		490	7 35
Wilbur, Eustace R.			2 00
Wilder, Matthew		950	16 25

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Williams, David	180	1,520	27 50
Willis, Galen	20		2 30
Louis B.			2 00
Lovisa	3,000	4,050	105 75
Wilson, Charles G.	5	1,200	20 08
Winn, Frank			2 00
Frank, Jr.			2 00
James			2 00
John O.			2 00
Michael T.			2 00
Winslow, Daniel W.			2 00
Wixson, Charles W.	220	2,875	48 43
Wood, Charles G.		1,700	27 50
Worcester, Harriet J., estate of,	185	1,200	20 78
Horace			2 00
Wright, Elmer E.			2 00
George A.			2 00
Thatcher P.	25	1,200	20 38
Wyatt, Charles W.	260		5 90
Yeager, Granville			2 00
Young, Fred A.			2 00
Robert	125	3,150	51 13
Treas. First Congregational So-		1,550	23 25
ciety			
Treas. Union Congregational So-		2,450	36 75
ciety			
Treas. New Jerusalem Society		1,800	27 00
Treas. Methodist Episcopal So-			
ciety		1,500	22 50
East Bridgewater Savings Bank		9,650	144 75
East Bridgewater Cemetery Asso-			
ciation		225	3 38
Trustees Masonic Building Asso-		8,100	121 50
ciation			
Carver Cotton Gin Company	37,000	37,000	1,110 00
N. Y., N. H. and H. R. R. Co.		4,000	60 00
Brockton Street Railway Co.		6,100	91 50
City of Brockton		50	75
Hanson Land Company		400	6 00
Plymouth County Loan and			
Trust Company		4,000	60 00
Geo. M. Keith and I. N. Nutter,			
trustees,		5,125	76 88
E. Latham and I. N. Nutter,			
trustees,		5,430	81 45
Eliab N. Ward, trustee,		1,000	15 00
T. F. Wright and Geo. M. Hooper,			
trustees,		50	75

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Amos Hunting et als.		550	8 25
Darius Baker, trustee,		1,750	26 25
William F. Sawyer, trustee,		900	13 50
Chas. S. Millet, et als.		6,500	97 50
John Alden et als.		50	75
Bryant and White	2,000		30 00

Non-Residents.

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Alden, Mrs. George E., Whitman,		60	90
Alger, Charles H., Brockton,		300	4 50
Orlander W., Brockton,		125	1 88
Allen, Chester E., Providence, R.I.		850	12 75
Granville C., Boston,		500	7 50
James S. Brockton,		200	3 00
Andrew, John E., Whitman,		105	1 58
Andrews, Thos. L., Bridgewater,	250	750	15 00
Ahearn, Michael, Boston,		50	75
Atwood, Charles F., Barre,		1,500	22 50
Bass, Albert S., Boston,		1,250	18 75
Baylies, Thomas S., Fall River,		400	6 00
Barrett, John T., Campello,		1,300	19 50
Bernier, Mary, Bridgewater,		400	6 00
Bird, Quincy C., Reading,		1,950	29 25
Blanchard, Benj. F., Whitman,		175	2 63
Bond, John, Brockton,		120	1 80
Bonney, Emily A., heirs of, Whitman,		500	7 50
Bonney, Gladden, heirs of, Whit- man,		30	45
Britton, Lysander, Stoughton,		20	30
Brown, Fred L., New Bedford,		2,020	30 30
John, Boston,		50	75
Percy G., East Boston,		1,755	26 33
Bryant, E. H., North Hanson,		100	1 50
Eunice S., Brockton,		350	5 25
Broughton, James H., Wollaston,		1,250	18 75

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Buck, Ira K., Brockton,		40	60
Bursley, Augusta N., Campello,		600	9 00
Butler, Joseph H. P., Halifax,		50	75
Candler, Susan W., Bridgewater,		25	38
Caldwell, Charles H., Westdale,		30	45
Callahan, James R., Bridgewater,		70	1 05
Carver, William O., Brockton,		1,300	19 50
Chamberlain, Sam'l N., Brockton,		600	9 00
Chandler, Clarence A., Worcester,		3,450	51 75
Churchill, Benj. F., Whitman,		1,560	23 40
Caleb S., Whitman,		300	4 50
Frank N., Bridgewater,		2,900	43 50
Levi P., Lakeville,		825	12 38
Lucius R., Brockton,		500	7 50
Clark, W. H. and Harden, C. O., Brockton,		125	1 88
Copeland, W. W., North Hanson,		1,690	25 35
Corthell, Clara, Whitman,		50	75
Crocker, Fred, Brockton,		700	10 50
Curtis, Charles H., Brockton,		120	1 80
Dows, Justin N., Peabody,		1,950	29 25
Dudley, H. W., Abington,		10	15
Dyer, Geo. G., heirs of, Plymouth,		100	1 50
Elliott, Luther S., Easthampton,		200	3 00
Estes, Josie, Hanson,		225	3 88
Everson, Wilmot V., Whitman,		125	1 85
Fickett, Wyman C., Spencer,		1,550	23 25
Flagg, Wallace C., Brockton,	750	1,500	33 75
Folsom, George W., Bridgewater,		2,250	33 75
Susan H. C., "		2,850	42 75
Foye, Mrs. Frank W., Brockton,		70	1 05
Freeman, Theodore, Brockton,		1,100	16 50
French, Eli B., heirs of, Whitman,		75	1 13
Fulton, Emeline, Bridgewater,		400	6 00
Gear, Walter E., Brockton,		175	2 62
Godwin, Lois F., Campello,		500	7 50
Goss, Abbie C., Taunton,		2,150	32 25
Alice M., Brockton,		425	6 38
Grow, Emma, est. of, Fall River,		400	6 00
Gurney, Davis, heirs of, Whitman,		90	1 35
Edward P. Whitman,		275	4 13
Hagan, Peter, heirs of, Bridge- water,		150	2 25
Hancock, Porter B., Brockton,		75	1 13
Harden, Alpheus, heirs of, South Hanson,		250	3 75
Harriman, Elihu S., Brockton,		175	2 63
Hatch, Robert H., Matfield,		200	3 00

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
Hathaway, John H., heirs of, Ply- mouth,		250	3 75
Hathaway, Joseph R., So. Brain- tree,		1,400	21 00
Hayward, Susan Alice, Campello, John L., heirs of, West		1,250	18 75
Bridgewater,		120	1 80
Hayward, William, Halifax,		30	45
Zina, Campello,		40	60
Hixson, Ellen F. Campello,		525	7 88
Holmes, Geo. T., Bridgewater,		225	3 38
Hooper, Mitchell, heirs of, Bridge- water,		200	3 00
Howard, Ernest C., Whitman,		200	3 00
Howe, Alvin, Campello,		1,250	18 75
Howland, Deborah, heirs of Abington,		400	6 00
Howland, Martin, Halifax,		380	5 70
Humble, Marshall, heirs of, Whit- man,		125	1 88
Hutchins, Edward J., N. H.,		450	6 75
Janes, Mary, Everett,		125	1 88
Jackson, Abner W., Whitman,		90	1 35
Jenkins, Abbie C., heirs of Brock- ton,		120	1 80
Jenness, G. Butler, Campello,		60	90
Johnson, Lucy A., Westdale,		200	3 00
Keene, William H., Hanson,		150	2 25
Keith, Elbridge, heirs of, Bridge- water,		205	3 08
Keith, Elizabeth C., Campello,		450	6 75
King, Michael, Bridgewater,		150	2 25
Kingman, Allie V., Campello,		75	1 13
Frank M., Worcester,		1,750	26 25
Hannah, Taunton,		1,250	18 75
Mrs. Isaac, Brockton,		300	4 50
Otis, Whitman,		100	1 50
Hosea, estate of, Bridge- water,		1,500	22 50
Leach, A. S., Whitman,		35	53
Abbie C., Campello,		1,500	22 50
Leonard, Spencer, estate of, Bridgewater,		1,090	16 35
Lowell, Charles, heirs of,		500	7 50
Luzarder, Sam'l A., Campello,		1,425	21 38
MaDan, Eugene W., Brockton,		150	2 25
Marble, Lyman S., Fall River,		200	3 00
Marshall, Howard T., Brockton,		4,990	73 50

	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Tax.
McAneough, Jas., W. Bridgewater.		20	30
McFaddan, Jas., Bridgewater,		40	60
McNeeland Bros., "		50	75
Millet, Mary E., Whitman,		100	1 50
Morse, Joseph, heirs of, Campello.		450	6 75
Moulton, J. H., est. of, Salem,		4,500	67 50
Munroe, Ethan, Hanson,		250	3 75
Murley, John E., Brockton,		400	6 00
Murphy, Daniel, Bridgewater,		80	1 20
Joseph, Whitman,		50	75
Nash, Francis A., estate of, Hol- liston,		3,150	47 25
Neidlinger, Mary E., New York,		1,800	27 00
Noyes, George W., Whitman,		30	45
Ernest B., Whitman,		325	4 88
O'Leary, Cornelius, Bridgewater.		80	1 20
Perkins, Alexander, Minot, Me.,		90	1 35
Peterson, Franklin, Whitman,		60	90
Gustave, Lynn,		400	6 00
Poole, Nahum, Onset,		2,200	33 00
Pratt, Edwin, South Hanson,		40	60
Provost, Arthur J., Brockton,		800	12 00
Randall, Sarah J., Whitman,		500	7 50
Reed, Amos, heirs of, No. Abing- ton,		40	60
Reed, Calvin P., Whitman,		1,050	15 75
Daniel, "		600	9 00
Quincy, "		80	1 20
Thomas B., Boston,		1,000	15 00
Timothy, heirs of, Whitman,		30	45
Rich, Charles L., Boston,		2,200	33 00
Richards, Hannah R., Matfield,		500	7 50
John, "		280	4 20
Justin W., heirs of, Matfield,		900	13 50
Richards, Reuben, heirs of, Hal- ifax,		125	1 88
Rogers, Allen, Gloucester,		6,050	90 75
Ryder, Samuel and George B., heirs of, West Bridgewater,		300	4 50
Sampson, Chester D., Whitman,		250	3 75
James H., "		50	75
Sharpe, Chester S., "		2,200	33 00
Shaw, Mrs. Samuel, Brockton,		1,650	24 75
Samuel D., Plymouth,		2,500	37 50
Shockley, William, Whitman,		100	1 50
Simmons, Ella J., and Copeland, Cora F., Whitman,		325	4 88

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Sisson, Herbert C., Bridgewater,		300	4 50
Slack, Chas. P. & Co., Whitman,		450	6 75
Smith, Chas., heirs of, "		125	1 88
Snow, Nellie M., Brockton,		400	6 00
Stanley, Charles F., Boston.		25	38
Steinhour, C. F., Campello,		320	4 80
Stetson, Nahum, heirs of, Bridge- water,		350	5 25
Stockwell, J. A., Boston,		350	5 25
Sturtevant, Eustis W., Bridge- water,		600	9 00
Thayer, Chas. C., W. Bridgewater,		1,800	27 00
Erland, " "		850	12 75
Thibeaux, Napoleon,		225	3 38
Thurlo, Jeremiah D.,		1,095	16 43
Tinkham, Joseph, Campello,		125	1 88
Tolcken, Frederic, So. Hanson,	125	550	10 13
Tyler, Mary A., Whitman,		100	1 50
Underwood, Francis, Boston,		1,300	19 50
Vaughn, George B., Watertown,		675	10 13
Washburn, Cephas, Halifax,		685	10 28
George A., Whitman,		650	9 75
William S., Wollaston,		430	6 45
Waterman, Byron E., Taunton,		2,200	33 00
West, Cordelia, Brockton,		400	6 00
White, Joseph, North Hanson,		250	3 75
Whitman, Asa, Brockton,		140	2 10
Eliab, heirs of, Whit- man,		150	2 25
Whitman, Freedom, heirs of, Whit- man,		550	8 25
Whitman, William E., Campello,		9,650	144 75
Nathan D., heirs of,		400	6 00
Whitmarsh, Albert C., Whitman,		80	1 20
Wilkinson, Sarah B., Claremont,			
N. H.,		500	7 50
Wilbar, Mary C., Bridgewater,		570	8 55
Willis, John, Brighton,		150	2 25
John E., Somersworth,			
N. H.,	1,430	3,195	69 38
Wing, Herbert A., Bridgewater,		125	1 88
Woodward, Cyrus C., heirs of,			
Kingston,		1,800	27 00
Wolchendorf, William, Halifax,		120	1 80

There are 643 persons owning one or more lots of the Hanson Land Com-
pany's land, which are taxed in this town, with an aggregate value of \$10,125.

